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"AS FOR YOU BISHOP TURNER

I Love You, and Reverence You as a Father!"—He

(Ridgel) Says "God is Not Dead, Nor Have the Banks of Heaven Broken" —Hard On the Church.

DEAR BISHOP TURNER:—I have always favored an intelligent basis of African emigration. My convictions have been doubly confirmed since coming to this country and investigating the situation. That this is the only country toward which we can look with any degree of hope, is too plain to need comment. That our condition in the United States is growing worse every year, needs no philosopher to determine.

While I do not endorse wholesale emigration to Africa, yet I must confess that unless a better state of things are hastily brought about in the United States of America, something must be done to free our poor helpless people from mob violence, which has assumed such wonderful proportions during the last four years I am in hearty accord with any movement that tends to better the condition of my people.

The most available and promising section of this vast continent for a settlement of our people from the States, is the Republic of Liberia. Here we can get thousands of acres of the most fertile lands, have a government controlled by our own race, which, to say the least, is a very important factor in national greatness.

I have decided upon the following plan which I submit, for your consideration and approval or dis-approval.

Let five thousand healthy, progressive and self-reliant families, select say, five responsible representatives, let these representatives be supplied with fifty thousand dollars, contributed by said five thousand families, let these representatives employ twenty-five good carpenters and one physician and preceed to Liberia, Africa, six months in advance of the general exodus; select a suitable locality, purchase lands, have said lands surveyed, erect five thousand small cottages, open two drug and a half dozen suppy stores, ahd then have the exodus to come on.

But says one, when could we raise fifty thousand dollars? Why easy enough, let each of the five thousand families pay ten dollars each and the sum is realized. What family, able to contribute anything at all, cannot give ten dollars, for which, with proper care and industry they would get a return of possibly ten thousand dollars?

As for transportation, such a number of persons, could charter a sufficent supply of sail ships on terms that would not make the transportation of any one family cost more than twenty-five dollars at the highest possible figure.

So you see, that each family would pay only thirty-five dollars for preparation and transportation, and best of all, would be in posession of one hundred and sixty acres of rich land all paid for and a temporary residence on the same.

Such a plan I am sure comes within the reach of all who are in any degree fit for African immigration.

However, much care should be exercised in the selection of such an exodus. First. none but healthy, industrious, self-reliant and intelligent persons should even be consulted, tonching this matter; second, each family should have at least five hundred dollars above all expenses, upon which to live after arriving here; third, the company should have three skilled physicians, ten educated and regenerated ministers of the gospel, twenty-five first grade school teachers, five able lawyers, forty mechanics, several barbers, tailors, cabinet-makers, druggists etc, such an exodus would find in Africa a home of peace and prosperity.

For God's sake let those of our people in the mob-infested sections of the South, give this matter due consideration and act accordingly. Any Negro who will remain in such a country as the South and Southwest, unless from unavoidable causes, should have just such treatment as they are sure to get.

But, my Dear Sir, I am sorry to say, that I have almost lost hope as to the sincerity of our church, especially our ministry as regards Africa. If there is any hope at all within the pales of the church, for our missionary perpetuity and prosperity in Africa, that hope lies to a great extent in our women, two thirds of our ministry seem to have no concern for Africa. Strange to say, as a rule our large churches are doing much less for the great cause of missions than the small ones. Many of those who stand at the head of the church actually ignore and oppose, any effort for the redemption of Africa's three hundred million heathen.

I was assured the unreserved support of a large number of our high church dignitaries on my departure for this country, not a one of whom have kept their word. They have not so much as written me an encouraging letter, but to the contrary many have joined my enemies in trying to make my coming to Africa a faillure.

But they must remember that "God is not dead, nor have the banks of heaven, broken"

I have the happy pleasure of feeling clear before my God for having done my whole duty. Thak God, I am yet alive and can preach the gospel, to my heathen brethren. I would not to day, exchange "Payne Mission" with fifteen heathen Temnee members for "Old Bethel" Philadelphia with her fourteen hundred rich, refined and trained members. I have done all in my power to get the consent of my mind to leave here, but I cannot, therefore, live or die, sink or swim, loved or hated, supported or not supported, I mean to stand firm at my post until I shall have accomplished my work. I have been charged with being inconsiderate, wilful, and worthless, because I opposed "wholesale immigration" to Africa; those very men who have poured out their small supply of animus upon me, would not give a cent toward the redemption of Africa, nor would they make any personal sacrifice for the welfare of the race, for which they proclaim to have so much love. I think the expressions of such men unworthy of public consideration, hence should find no place in our church publication.

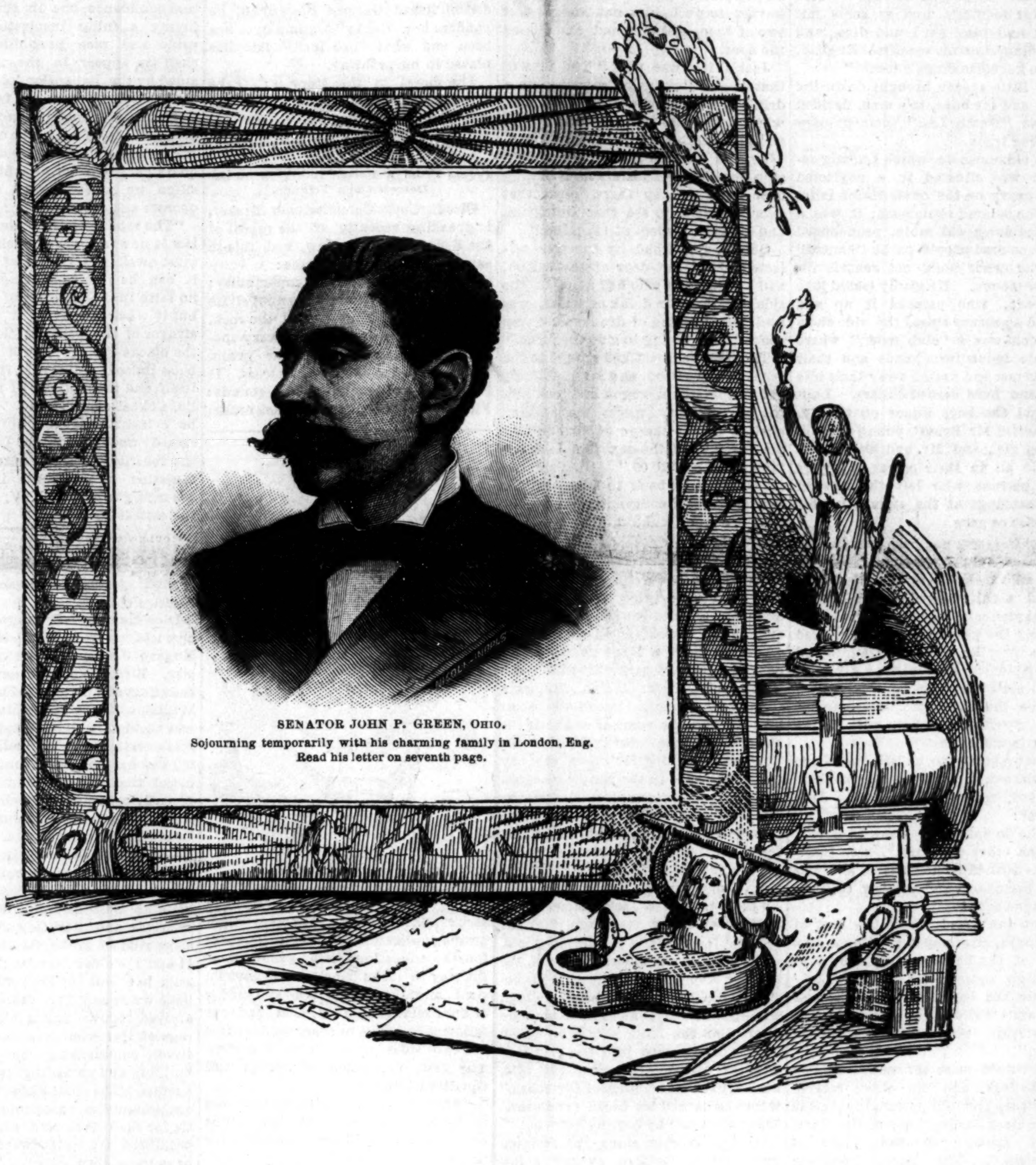
As for you, Bishop Turner, I love you and reverence you as a father. Your unbounded zeal and devotion for your race should endear you to every Negro on earth. But what man is more abused, mis-represented, and hounded after than yourself. Every possible intrique and device has been brought to bear against your efforts in Africa. Those who should embrace you, and help foster and carry out your plans, have done everything possible to make you a failure. But your labors will live despite man or devil.

I have creditable information that some prominent individuals in America claim to be in possession of letters written from Africa to the effect, that we have nothing of material worth in Africa; that all that has been said and written about our church and its possibilities is mere wind work; that we have nothing but a lot of sheds, etc., and the parties to whom I refer are using said letters to the detriment of our mission cause.

Now Bishop, you know that such is not the case. We have several respectable church houses, and the greatest possible possibilities. If our church would stand by us, we could soon have in our possession, a church edifice worth $10,000, with a membership of more than two hundred These are facts. I can assure the church and public that every dollar invested in our African work will produce a rich harvest.

Mrs. Ridgel closed school with 105 children. She will open school about the 15th, inst. We shall do our best. I shall endeavor to remain here until General conference, unless my health fails. We want to see you very bad.

REV. A. L. RIDGEL,
Freetown, Sierra Leone, W. C. A.
February 2, 1894.



SENATOR JOHN P. GREEN, OHIO.
Sojourning temporarily with his charming family in London, Eng.
Read his letter on seventh page.

Observant Whites

Are filled with wonder when they visit the HOMES OF NEGROES to find no Pictures of

REPRESENTATIVE AFRO-AMERICANS

Upon their walls. Read The Freeman's offer on the Fourth page, and commence NOW to CULTIVATE some STYLE and RACE PRIDE of YOUR OWN.

Good Ministers Present.

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Thursday was a prize day at St. Luke Church some of the best ministers of New Jersey and New York City was present. They have had a three weeks meeting, 60 have joined the church. The First Baptist church have called their new pastor. He takes charge first Sunday in March 1894 Mr. Harry Cooper has lost his young baby. his wife is very sick. Mr. E. J. Miller met with a sad accident this week; he got three of his fingers cut very bad. Quarterly meeting took place at Trinity church last Sunday. Rev. Daite, Presiding Elder, preached Sunday night at 7:30. A grand entertainment was held felt Feb. 26, by the members of Second Baptist church which was largely attended. Mrs. Wm. Oliver is very sick. The good Samaritans lodge, No. 53, of this city will have their fourth annual sermon preached to-morrow in the Baptist church. Miss Hattie Scott the assistant superintendent of the Second Sunday school has been very sick; but she is out again. Baptising will take place in Second Baptist church at 9:30 p. m. M. E. Rishan, on R. R. street has been near the point of death, but she is improving at present.

Will Address the Contemporary Club.

Booker T Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., has been invited to deliver an address before the Contemporary Club, of Philadelpaia, March 13, on "The Status of the Negro in the South." The Contemporary Club is the most well intellectual organization in Philadelphia; and includes in its membership such men as John Wanamaker and Robert C. Ogden.

AND Damascus, the world's oldest city, that teemed with the hordes of civilization, of commerce and the arts, thousands of years before Europe was wrested from the wild men, before America was dreamed of, and when, where the cradle of intellectuality and science was rocked, the four-footed struggled with the two-footed animals for the mastery of the soil; would you not appreciate a visit to this historic Mecca? All right, read editorial thereto and note coupons on fifth.

THE NEGRO MUST STOP IT!

Continually Leaning on the "Pale Man"—Talk of

African Emigration Wasted Breath—The Race Must Learn to be Industrious and Proud—"Progress Club."

EDITOR FREEMAN:—It is to be easily seen by reading The Freeman, that the prominent Negro of the different parts of the country are realizing the importance of the question "What shall be the future of the Negro?" Although I am an ardent admirer of the passage "Man is the architect of his own fortune," yet I believe there are some preventions to the above when applied to the Negro citizen. I do not wish to occupy a great deal of space in this issue, yet as a citizen of Southwestern Missouri, I beg leave to add a few words on this great question. At the great Turner convention held at Cincinnati, it was plainly seen that the sentiments of the prominent delegates present were that we should remain in the United States, hence, would it not be wise for us to cease to argue the question of our going to Africa, and take up the issues that confronts us on every hand, to prepare ourselves for the future as citizens of the United States? God would never have permitted the civil war to have taken place unless he was with us. Yet time told the tale, patience worked our hope and hope worketn out charity. Let us not hurry ourselves, but with deliberation and understanding, meet our condition We must work with the rising generation. If more of the mass of people would strive to make their homes pleasant for their children, teach them to honor and to be proud of their race, and when they find that their children are not making a success with their studies and will not take an education as I sometimes find it to be the case as an instructor, take them out of school and have them learn some trade, so they may be independent in life, it would help us in this great question of the progressive Negro. We depend too much on the pale man. More men to learn trades, honest men with good common sense to take up the different professional callings, is what we need. It behooves us to set before ourselves and keep clearly in view, the end to be achieved, so that in bringing up our children we may choose subjects and methods of instruction with deliberate reference to this end. Doubtless the task is difficult perhaps never to be more than approximately achieved; but considering the vasteness of the interest at stake, its difficulty is no reason for pusillanimously passing it by. If we proceed systematically, we shall very soon get at results of no small importance. There is a cry that is coming from the women of our land that we must heed. Their cry is more men who shall respect their wives by supporting them by making them an honest living. The colored man must cease to allow his wife to make the living for the family. Our young ladies must qualify themselves for positions of trust. When ability is put forth recognition must be given, not only by one class of people, but by such men as Bishop Turner, Dr. Henderson, D. D., Editor Sweeney, Douglass, Bruce and Langston, and many others whom the race is proud. What we need is more men of ability, who shall be and must be respected among the people. The editor of The Freeman should be proud of the work his paper is doing toward elevating our people. There is a society in Carthage which has done a great work during the past year. It is called the Progressive club. Its aim is for the elevation of the colored people of the city. At the regular meetings of the club after regubusiness has been transacted, the last issue of The Freeman is called for, the important articles read and discussed in a clear and comprehensive manner. Hence, by this means they have become broad in their views and are made acquainted with the doings of our people and the great questions which confronts us, The club's influence has been felt. The result is the churches have united in a union meeting; Sunday schools have combined—all are at work for their elevation. The white citizens of the city seeing their enterprise, and hearing the brainy articles read from The Freeman, have donated the club 700 books towards starting a a library for the young people. Hence we see that by striving to better our condition by working for ourselves we can accomplish a great deal.

R. A. BYRD,
Asst. Prin. Lincoln Schools
Carthage, Mo.

Eleven Year Old Mary.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few words, for this is the first time that I have tried to write a letter for your paper. I am going to school; I am in the fourth grade. I am 11 years old; my teachers name is Miss Ella Boyer. And if the Lord will be my help I want to be a school teacher.

MARY CLUKE,
Decatur, Ill.

"A Light in the Valley,"

MR. EDITOR:—Accept these few lines, that the many readers of The Freeman can see what a great light The Freeman is making in the Valley. It reaches the home of many, and the doors of many more stands ajar, waiting the entrance of the light (The Freeman) and says in that light (of The Freeman) we will walk, till traveling days are done. This light shines so bright, it has cured the blind to see the approaching day. Mr. Editor I cannot say just just what I want to say, but my best wishes are for the "light of the Valley."

WM. BYRD, Jr.,
March 3rd '94. Braden, Tenn.

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THE HON. L. SWEITZER, M. C.

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE FREEMAN,

BY B. SQUARE.

Ludwig Sweitzer landed in Castle Garden from Germany nineteen years ago, at the age of 21, without money and without friends, and unable to speak one word of English. As soon as his luggage had been inspected and disinfected by the Custom House officers, he tied it up in an old red bandana and started across the country. He found himself at nightfall in Islip, L. I., before the cottage of the mother of Jack Holmes, a young colored American farm hand, the same age as himself. Footsore, tired, sleepy and hungry, Ludwig knocked at the cabin door, which was opened by Jack.

The unfortunate emigrant made signs that he was hungry, and begged, in his native tongue, that he be given a crust of bread. The kind hearted young colored man invited him in, and the mother gave the young German a hot supper and prepared him a "shake down" bed upon the floor of the kitchen, where he peacefully slept until morning.

After breakfast Jack took him over to Mr. Baker, his employer, who was a businesslike farmer, and after hearing Jack's plea for the stranger, Mr. Baker called his cook, who was a German woman, and through her told Ludwig that he would give him $6.00 a month and board, if he would work upon the farm. The young German jumped at the offer.

Ludwig was very thankful to Jack for the interest he had taken in him, and demonstrated his gratitude by throwing his arms around Jack's neck and kissing him and saying in German that he would never forget his kindness. He then pulled off his coat and started to work for $6.00 a month, which was just one-fourth of what Jack, who was foreman of the farm, was getting.

Ludwig worked hard, even doing odds and ends for Jack and the other nine farm hands, who were all colored men about the age of 20. Aided by his new friend, our hero began to pick up a word here and there in English, and six months after he had been upon the farm he could put enough words together to make himself understood. The boys all liked "Dutch Lud," as they called him, and one gave him a pair of shoes, another a coat, another a pair of pants and some underwear, and he was soon transformed into a respectable looking farm hand.

The first of every month when the hands were paid the ten colored youths would spend the following few nights in the village saloon, playing cards and having a good time, until the better part of their $18 or $20 were gone. They often invited "Dutch Lud" to accompany them, but he always refused on the grounds that "I vant der learnt dot English pook der nighd."

"Why don't you take a little pleasure now?" asked Jack during the Christmas holidays.

"I dakes bleasure some dimes ven I have gross gelt."

"You had better enjoy life Lud while you are young. Why, you Dutch fool, do you expect to get rich working for $6.00 a month?"

"Mebbe some dimes."

"Well, I think so neither," remarked Jack as he started out for a big time with $24 00 in his pocket.

When "Dutch Lud" had been working upon the farm one year, he asked Jack one evening how much money he had saved and was told: "None! How in the world can I save any money out of $24.00, I'd like to know?"

"Dutch Lud" took him to the barn and counted out before the astonished eyes of the Afro-American $72.00, his year's earnings.

"I saves dot."

"That's because you are too stingy to buy things, and wear everybody's old duds."

"Some dimes, bime by, I got mine self some new glothes and somedings more; vait, some dimes; you vait, Schack."

"I guess I will wait," replied Jack.

During the second year the young German had money to loan to his fellow farm hands, who would sometimes give two dollars for one when they "needed" money between pay days. At the end of the second year he had $160 saved. He now commenced to look around the village, now and then spending a few pennies with the boys. The dollar or so he would spend would be, however, the boy's own money he had received as interest.

Just before the close of his third year upon the farm he surprised the boys by giving a sort of party to them and their many colored friends in and around Islip. He purchased two kegs of beer, a ham and some gin, spending all his interest money of about $23.00. He was crowned prince of good fellows by the boys that night.

After the coronation Ludwig made his maiden speech. "Poys, ven my dree years ish oop I leaves dot Baker farm und make leetle pisness mit mine self. I vant dere poys and dere gullud beoples ter blease got some dings mit me some dimes, blease, mit my store. You know dot oldt house pie der Great Neck Road? Vell, I lease him for five years und I fix him oop, und I make me store mit dot oldt house, und I sell leetle tea, und leetle suggar, und leetle flour, und leetle odder dings vot I no nit, speak mit English."

"You mean a grocery store?" asked Jack.

"Yah, yah, dot itch it, und I keep mindt self pottle peer und gin for dere poys for noddings, und er room mit tables und blay gard und dice, und everydings I no nit speak mit English. Blease got some dings mit me?"

His little speech brought down the house and the boys, to a man, decided to give "Dutch Lud" their grocery and grog trade.

The old house to which Ludwig referred was situated in a neglected cedar grove on the outskirts of Islip, near the colored settlement; it was a tumbled down old cabin, pronounced by the colored people to be "hanted" and the owner could not rent it for love or money. He gladly leased it to our hero, who patched it up and opened a grocery store, the side show of which was a "club room," where his late fellow farm hands and their friends met and passed away their idle time and hard earned dollars. Ludwig sold the boys liquor on the sly. He married Mr. Baker's young German servant girl, and Mr. and Mrs. Sweitzer did all in their power to please their patrons who left the most of their earnings at the store either for groceries or grog.

After the store had been running for two years Ludwig fenced in the grove, built an extension to the house and opened a full fledged saloon, lagar beer garden and pic nic ground, and received the patronage of the colored people for miles around. Church and society picnics were always given at "Sweitzer's Union Grove."

When the five years' lease ran out Mr. L. Sweitzer left Islip with $15,000 for parts unknown.

About a year after he left, one of the few white men who used to patronize his place, remarked one day to Jack Holmes:

"Who do you think I saw in Brooklyn the other day, but 'Dutch Lud?' He has opened a fine saloon and has three bartenders and a fellow to 'tend the lunch counter."

"You don't say! Well the first of the month, after pay day, I'll get up a gang of the boys and run down to Brooklyn and see old 'Dutch Lud.' He was the best fellow I ever met. Now ain't it strange how he got up in the world. Some people are born lucky."

The night after the next pay day found Jack and six other colored Americans from Islip standing before the "Palace Shades," one of the finest liquor saloons in the "City of Churches." The name "Ludwig Sweitzer" stood out in bold gilt letters over the door. They stood for a few minutes in doubt about it being the right place, when several persons came out, and peeping in they saw their old friend sitting upon a high thronelike seat at the side of a little room, at the end of the bar, marked "Private office."

"We are right, there's 'Dutch Lud!' What a surprise there will be about here in a few minutes boys," remarked Jack as he led the way into the drinking palace and walked up to the bar.

Before he could speak a word one of the bartenders politely remarked: "We don't serve colored folks here, Johnnie; so if I was you I'd get out before the boss sees you, or he will fire you out. You can do as you please, I only tell you this as a friend."

"Don't serve colored people here? I guess you have made a mistake, any way Lud will serve us; why, I know him like a book, worked side by side with him for years," said Jack.

The bartender made no reply, but walked away, and the other ones were very busy cleaning glasses. The boss walked in the private office and closed the door.

"Hey, give us something to drink and tell Lud Sweitzer that some of his friends from Islip are here," said Jack, after standing at the door unnoticed for several minutes.

No one seemed to hear him and he repeated his requests in a louder tone. At this the bartender nearest the private office got some instructions from Mr. Sweitger, who had opened the office door about one inch. Coming out in front of the bar this bartender walked up to Jack and the boys and remarked:

"If you drunken coons don't go out of here and stop your fuss, we will call the cops. Where do you think you are, in Hudson avenue or Navy street?"

"I wan't to see the boss of this place, I know him," responded Jack.

"Well you can't see him, and you had better get out at once."

Jack's companions took heed to these words of warning and left the place, he however refused to go until he had seen Lud. The bartender tried in vain to push him out and at last two of them got him out and closed the door.

Jack's ire was up. "The idea of that d—— Dutchman refusing us a drink when colored people made him, when I fed him when he first landed and got him the first job he ever had. Why, its an outrage. They should stop these Dutch loafers from coming over here. I say there, open that door. I want to see that Dutchman and give him a piece of my mind."

Quite a crowd had by this time collected about the door of the saloon, and a policeman who had gone in the side door to get a drink of water, was told that "a gang of drunken country coons" were trying to mob the place.

The policeman walked around to the front of the saloon and arrested Jack, called up a patrol wagon and took him to the station, where he entered against him a charge of "drunk and disorderly" and the next day Jack got "ten days or $10.00." He paid the $10.00 and went back to Islip with the impression that emigrants, like republics, are very unkind, forgetful and ungrateful.

After five years of great financial success, Mr. L. Sweitzer sold his saloon at a good price, far above the market value, and bought a grove just outside of Brooklyn in Gravesend, where he built a large brewery and opened a summer park, in which the white public held picnics. He gave freely to the poor and chartered steamboats during the summer and took the children of the poor people of his Congressional district down the bay for an outing. In the winter he again aided the poor, and last election he was elected by a large majority to Congress upon the Republican ticket from his district. He is to-day one of the few New York State Republican Congressmen.

Let us return to Jack Holmes. Mr. Baker died a few years ago, and his son sold the old farm for building lots, and Jack, like the Moorish hero of the band of Avon, found out that his occupation, like his hard earned dollars, was—gone. His mother died soon after, and the little cottage in which he was born passed into the hands of a fairer native. Homeless and idle, Jack drifted to the "City of Churches," where he earned his bread (and sometimes his meat) by beating carpets.

He was walking along the fashionable part of Bedford avenue a few months ago, looking for a job, when he met the Hon. L. Sweitzer. He would have passed him unnoticed had not the honorable gentleman extended his hand and greeted him with:

"Hello, Schack, my poy, I am glat to see you. How is dimes by the Baker farm?"

"The old man is dead and Joe sold the farm. My mother is also dead and the old house is sold, and everything in Islip is dull. I have not been there for years, been living in Brooklyn doing jobs here and there."

"Den you know I vas Congressmens now?"

"Yes, I read all about your good luck, but as you treated me so mean when we boys came down to the saloon to see you, I concluded you did not want to see your old time friends."

"Now I didn't know dot vas you poys til next day ven I looks by the newsbabers und see your name. That is a drue as you are standing dere. You know dem gullud loafers from Hudson avenue come in my blace and makes troubles, so I say to my mens 'keep all dere loafers out of dis blace both white und gullud.' I says to my vife dot vas too pad poor Schack got locked oop. I vill not go pack on the Islip gullud peoples, but them loafers I don't vant in my blace."

"I told the bartender there must be some mistake."

"Sure! Vat you do now, Schack?"

"Nothing, Mr. Sweitzer. I have been out of work for some time and am hard up."

"Now, Schack, you vas mine frent ven I vas a green horns; I don't forgot dot; I gives you a good shob; I dakes you to Washington as mine coachman. I gives you $60 00 a month, glothes und poard. How's dot? You read my speech on dot Feddel 'Lection Bill,—bill dot the Democrat peoples in Congress vant to pass?"

"Yes sir, it was fine."

"I say the gullud peoples should vote in dot speech. I am a goot Republican, its my barty."

Jack took the job, and to day he sleeps in the Hon. L. Sweitzer's house as a servant; nineteen years ago "Dutch Lud" slept in his house as his guest. As coachman Holmes drives down Pennsylvania avenue with the distinguished German Statesman, he ponders how "lucky" his employer has been and what "bad luck" fate has placed in his pathway.

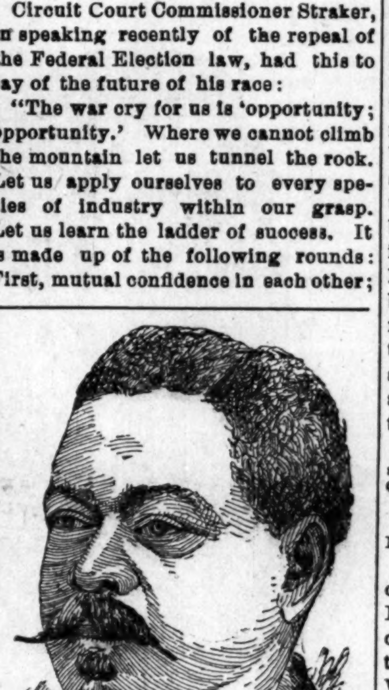
The moral to this story is: Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of you.

THE ABLE MICHIGANDER'S VIEWS.

Points From a Recent Interview in the Detroit Daily Tribune.

Circuit Court Commissioner Straker, in speaking recently of the repeal of the Federal Election law, had this to say of the future of his race:

"The war cry for us is 'opportunity; opportunity.' Where we cannot climb the mountain let us tunnel the rock. Let us apply ourselves to every species of industry within our grasp. Let us learn the ladder of success. It is made up of the following rounds: First, mutual confidence in each other; second, unity; third, industry, which means application of thought to labor; fourth, education; fifth, economy, or the way to make money and save it; sixth, morality, or the true knowledge of our relationship to God and our fellow man. But to every ladder there are two sides upon which the steps may rest, protection of rights and equality of rights.



HON. D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER,
Circuit Court Commissioner, Detroit, Mich.

"Above all, let us ourselves not cease in the work of education as a means of solving the Negro problem, for 'knowledge is power.'

"What shall the future of the colored American be? I believe that, despite all the disadvantages which surround him, all obstacles now in his way, he will rise to a plane of unconceived excellence in manhood, in citizenship, in industry in wealth, in education and in moral standing, and become as a polished column in the temple of this great Republic. I predict that fifty years hence when justice gets a foothold, and is enthroned in the hearts of the American people of the Anglo-Saxon race, and history records the progress of the race in art, literature, commerce and industry, the verdict will be given the Negro, of having attained a higher stage of civilization than any other race in a like period of time, and he will be found among the statesmen, poets, inventors, merchants, mecanics, artists, journalists, educators, agriculturists, painters, sculptors and capitalists. They shall in the future as in the past sit in the halls of legislation, on the judicial bench, not as experiments but as approved by all because of our fitness and our capacity. We shall solve the race problem by force of our worth, our intelligence and our virtue. We shall not be tolerated, but accepted by our white brethren as equals. Out of the rude block, hewn out of the dark and dismal quarry of a cruel bondage, shall appear, by the chisel of education and the polish of a wider intercourse with our more advanced brethren of the white race, supported by industry and money and the benign influence of the genius of our republican institutions, the polished statue of ebony in all its hues; beautiful in symmetry of purpose, strong in unity of action and lasting in the harmony of its structure; dressed in the full panoply of our rights as citizens, and protected by the strong sword of defence in equal and impartial laws executed by non-partisan judges; and in the light and enjoyment of political equality with all other citizens, seeking and possessing in the South both a free ballot and a fair count as a right, as in the North, East and West; exemplifying in the common engagement with other races in all the pursuits of life our fitness and our capacity, and by our strength in the mutual confidence, one in the other, enjoying a fuller inspiration of race pride and race possibilities. Thus shall we appear in the near future, aided by the expansion of the American idea of the common fatherhood of God and the common brotherhood of man and thus shall we be one with the white race, united indissoluble and unquerable. In order to achieve this position we must agitate, educate, cooperate and organize.

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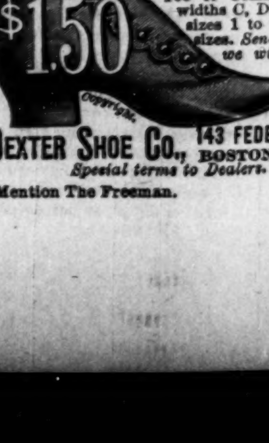

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Roused even as the echoes of the forest, were all the inmates of the castle by this strange trumpet call.

First, of course, the invisible servitors, seeing that they were very light sleepers.

Next, and almost as readily, the young lord, though he had been sleeping a sleep of youth, almost of childhood, his hands clenched, his head beneath the pillow.

The Mangrabine was less easily roused; for the sounds had to break through her waking dream, that engrossing dream in which she sat hopelessly counting the threads of darkness; And as is well-known, the hardest of sleepers to waken are those who sleep without sleeping. Nevertheless, so piercing was the sound, even through the massive walls and muffling earth enwrapping the dungeon that the poor crazy captive felt, as it were, the blow of a hammer upon her skull and flash of red lightning before her eyes, which closed for the first time since many a long year, and lost count of the threads of darkness.

And judge how awful must have been the blast of the trumpet, seeing that the old lord himself, centenarian, deaf, dead though he was, heard the clamour. And into every mind flashed the same thought: "This is doubtless the trumpet of the last day."

Upon which all, with the one exception of the Mangrabine, fell to confessing their sins and imploring mercy and pardon. While she fierce and defiant as at the foot of the cross, rose to her feet in the darkness, clamouring implacably: "The tear is mine! Mine."

Meanwhile the trumpet blast was renewed, and as the listeners had by by this time somewhat recovered from their waking bewilderment, they recognized that the blast was not that of the Archangel calling the dead to judgement; but that the fanfare, in the plainest of bugle language, announced the arrival of some knight demanding entrance to the castle.

But verily the Archangel himself could hardly have given rise to greater consternation than this strange cavalier, who had set all the myriad tongues of the forest laughing, and had forced his way thither, heedless of the maledictions threatening the speech and hearing of any who ventured within a league of the castle.

Now the stranger had approached resolutly, and was far within the prescribed distance, being in fact, on the opposite bank of the torrent.

And it is only to be supposed that his reckless valour had turned aside the spell, and set at nought the malediction; for if the horseman was deaf, he was certainly not dumb, as was evidenced by his roaring in tones of thunder: "Asylum! asylum! asylum!" No human voice had ever craved asylum in such menacing fashion.

The very mountain trembled feverishly at the sound.

And a like tremor shook the inmates of the castle, so that the teeth of all the souls without bodies chattered again.

Judge of the violence of the cry. when I tell you that the breath of the invader sent forth such a blast into the air that the seventy-seven beacons blazing at seventy-seven different points on the battlements were blown out in an instant.

Whereupon, there was no further doubt possible as to the identity of the visitor, and all understood that Messer Satanas himself stood at the threshold. In all haste, the young lord hurried the old lord into the chapel, whither the souls without bodies had already repaired, chanting an exorcism, while the invisible chaplain brandished aloft the diamond Sacred Phial that contained the holy tear.

And marvelous as it was to hear, as usual, the hymns resounding in the apparently deserted chapel, it was infinitely more marvelous to see, floating in the air, full of voices issuing from unseen mouths, the Relic, self-sustaining, illuminating the gloom of the nave, like to a star trembling, in space, a flower without stem, a bubble of light sailing upon the empty darkness. So translucent was the brightness, that it penetrated walls and floors till it shone into the lowest dungeon of the keep, where lay the Mangrabine, more than a hundred feet below the earth.

Suddenly she caught the shining of its brightness, piercing the gloom of her night.

"Ah!" she cried, "I knew that if I counted long enough I should get to the end of the thread. Now the darkness lifts, and I can see! I can see!"

Not only was the light exceeding brilliant; it seemed of solid substance. The Maugrabine, stretching out her hands to it, grapsed a tangible something. With all her strenghth she seized and clasped it, and strove to hoist herself against it as against a mast. Breathless with anguish she strove. A painful effort, another, and yet another, the terror strong within her that presently this dream-column would melt beneath her, glide away, and vanish.

But no! O joy! O frenzy! It held, it stood! And strong with hope and courage, with beating heart and eager nerves, clinging with knees and feet and clenched hands, her whole being straining upwards, the Mangrabine began to ascend the miraculous stream of light.

In the chapel, the song of exorcism still resounded, the chaplain still held aloft the reliquary. But as the Mangrabine slowly mounted, the voices slowly lost their sonorous fervour, and the chaplain's arm sank earthwards, as if weary of the burden.

"Alas! my brethern," his invisible lips murmured, "I know not what languor is stealing over me, what mysterious power is dragging at my arm, but I must succumb, I can resist no longer." He sank to his knees under the weight of the Phial, on the point of dropping it to earth from his nervless hand, the invisible singers hushed their chant in despair.

The young lord shuddered; the old lord wept. And without, the Satanic voice full of a mocking menace, snarled and rattled as with a clatter of dropping lead, asking ironically: "Ah! Ah! Where are the Knights of the Sacred Phial?"

The centenarian sobbed in answer: "I am the last, and I am dead."

For he had heard the voice of Satan, piercing like a red hot gimlet even his dull dead, tympanum, yet he heard not the invisible retainers about him, shouting imploringly in his ear: "Hasten, hasten, invest another knight!" And he understood not the desperate gestures of the dumb stripling, prostrate at his feet, imploring investiture in an agony of supplication.

The chaplain swayed nearer and nearer still to the pavement, and invisible as he was, this was clearly to to be perceived from the gradual decent of the reliquary. The globe of fire, a moment since floating high in the air, threatened presently to meet the marble, and perhaps to be shattered to atoms. To shatter the relic was of course, the infernal desire of Messrs. Satanas.

It was that alone, no doubt, which prevented his victorious entry into the keep. Already he had passed the seven drawbridges of the causeway, and burst the massive door, spite of its michiolated guards-room, where indeed there was no longer any to keep guard, since the whole of the castle inmates had taken refuge in the chapel. Presently he had advanced into the centre of the great quadrangle and stood before the moat that fronted the keep. The listeners divined his approach by his voice, which rang ever more insolent, with a nissing in it as of boiling oil: "Ah! Ah! Poor Knights of the Sacred Phial"

Should the Phial fall and be shattered, the Relic be profaned the Holy Tear would evaporate, and rise in dew towards heaven, then nothing could hinder the horrible robber of souls from ascending the keep, and hurling into everlasting perdition all the servitors, all the friends, and all the chatelains, past and present of De Horgnie-Saint-Elme-en Saint-Elmois.

There was one, alas! to whom all this was plain enough, and that was the helpless young lord, loyal he was, and pure and valiant, and in no way worthy of such an end; yet he was powerless to avert it. For he knew that he had neither the right nor the power to lay hold of the precious relic, and save it from destruction.

None might do this but a knight of the Sacred Phial and until the age of twenty-one, he could be no more than simply squire, failing special investiture either by miracle or in extremist

But what may I ask, is one miracle more or less in a history such as this?

And if you have believed those that have gone before, you will have little difficulty in accepting the one I am about to chronicle. The only astonishing point in the matter is that the miracle should have hung so long in the wind. This, indeed, roused infinite wonderment in the mind of the young lord, so deep and fervent was his faith.

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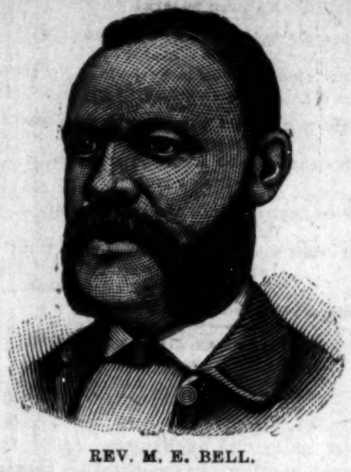

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I would like to find my relatives. I was born in Virginia and belonged to a man named Lewis Davis. I was about 9 years old when I left Virginia. There were four sisters of us, Caroline, Becky, Sallie and I. My father's name was Bob Reed, and my mother's name was Patsy Reed. She belonged to Lewis Davis in Virginia. My father did not belong to Lewis Davis. Robert Allen Davis sold Becky, and Lewis sold Caroline and also her sister Lucy. I had two brothers, John and Frederick. Brother John was married to a lady by the name of Jennie Payne. If anyone can give any information of the above named persons, please address at once Lucy Mead, or her son, Sandy Anderson, Mineola, Wood county, Tex.

I would like to find my people. I was born in the county of Summerset, Md.; my mother was named Peggy Anderson; she belonged to John Anderson. I had three brothers with myself to come to Texas, Charles, Horace and I; I left two more in Maryland, Alex and Sandy. I was sold to a man named John Sanders, in Maryland. Roberson sold me to Judge Perkins in Louisiana. My brother George got drowned. I had two sisters who I left in Maryland, Sarah Ann and Malinda, and had an aunt by the name of Harriet. She belonged to a man named Morris Adams. I had three uncles, Frank, Arthur and George. If any one can give any information of these persons, please address Henry Anderson or his son, Sandy Anderson, Mineola, Wood county, Tex.

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Say it. Don't take half a day.

TO DANCE, OR NOT TO DANCE?—AFTER THE REVIVAL, WHAT?

Judging from our correspondence from all sections of the country the revival wave has been general in its course and current. As the Bible reads, there comes a time for everything, "a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance" Just now there are certain young converts, young ladies and gentlemen who, before they became converts to the meek and lowly Nazarine, had been gay and chief spirits in the "innocent" pleasure of dancing, moonlight picnics, parlor games, etc., who are much exorcised and in a dillema as to whether they will be compelled to give up tripping the "light fantastic" altogether, and if not, when will be considered "a time to dance," and whether the naughty "round" dances should be tabooed, etc., etc. Now its a matter we won't say too much upon, as our "views," being somewhat "advanced," might not strike with a pleasing sound upon the supersensitive tympanium of the average "young convert," and the "discipline" also, staring us in the face. If a body of "young converts," ignoring their first duty to their pastor or class leader, should come to us for suggestion or help to solve the dillema, "to dance, or not to dance," we would first direct them to an audience with their own conscience, that inward mentor, who seldom makes mistakes or leads astray. If their conscience whispered, "shun the ball room," we would look upon it as a first rate stagger at practical, lasting religion to do so. If it is almost always dangerous for a "sinner," a worldly person, to disregard the injunctions of conscience, how much more must it be for a professed christian. And again, when a person, old or young, joins church, comes publically "out from the world" and is noted and pointed to as an example of christian duty and courage for turning his back and heart upon the "world, the flesh and the devil," he should certainly strive to make his subsequent inclinations, walks and acts, consist as near as possible with his public declaration, "the Lord has spoke mercy to my soul." It's a mighty dangerous thing for the "reformed" drunkard to habituate his old haunts, hear the clink of glasses and permit his olafactories to be saluted daily with the aroma that arises from pink "cocktails" and other tempting mixtures, if he desires to wear the "blue ribbon" without disgracing it. And still another view. If one joins a church, they should become acquainted with the law, discipline, by which it is protected and sustained, and make a conscientious effort to respect and obey the same. Indeed, it seems to us, it should be the most easy and natural thing for a sincerely converted church member to do. There are some denominations, we believe, whose discipline permits dancing of a certain kind, at certain times, etc. If, therefore, converts feel the impulse to indulge in the dreamy waltz, it might be a good plan to hunt those churches up and place their membership there. It is sung,

> "Religion was never made
> To make your pleasures less,"

and if religion is anything, and we believe it the noblest sentiment or fact that can pre-empt the human breast, the words of the old fashioned hymn quoted is God Almighty's truth. If you are a christian, a real sincere, serene, happy christian, with the windows of your soul turned towards the light of paradise, just waiting for the summons, come up higher, the questionable pleasures of your sinful days should hardly be remembered, save in shame and pity, and pale in insignifficance as you contrast them with the newer and better ones of your newer and better lives.

THE PASSING OF GLADSTONE.

The cable, the fewest of days gone, made the brief announcent, Gladstone had an "audience of the Queen" and tendered his resignation "which was graciously accepted," only this and nothing more, and yet, perhaps the greatest statesman of his age, full of honors, ripe with years, had voluntarily relinquished the baton of power, and as far as responsible participation in the future, passed out of public life. The apparent curtness with which his resignation was accepted by his sovereign, may occasion comment and surprise, and certainly draws attention sharply to the intensity of party animosity in England, which neither unbends or softens down in the presence of hoary years, death or the grave. It is perhaps too early to anticipate the effect of Mr. Gladstone's resignation upon the future work of parliament, anent those great reforms and movements to which his name must remain connected. Being a statesman, Gladstone has for years lived beyond his fellows, and has been the steadfast, unwavering apostle of advanced ideas of legislation looking to the undoing of old and fossilated forms of government and legislative trend, and the probabilities are, so indelibly has he stamped the individuality of his theories of change and progression upon the vision and thought of the English nation, that the passing of the architect will not mean the standing still of the work. Younger, more alert pugnacious statesmen smarting for renown, will take up the work of reform where the great commoner laid it down to carry it in the end to a successful fruition. In a time like this, when all eyes are turned in kindliness and admiration toward England's uncrowned monarch of the other day, many of his sincere admirers in America will recall, not now in a spirit of unforgiveness and animosity, that there was a time during the great "Civil Conflict," when, had Gladstone's wishes been followed, the "Confederate States of America" would have been recognized by England, and the "Slaveholders' Rebellion" now have been spoken of in an altogether different manner. Wise men change, fools never, and we have no doubt the grand old man has long since recanted his recognition "views" which once made him so unpopular with the patriots of the North.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS MUDDLE IN THE A. M. E. CHURCH.

We publish this week "open letter" No. 2 from Missionary Ridgel to Bishop Turner, which will be read with interest by those of our readers who have been following the developments, charges and counter charges relative to Foreign Mission matters connected with the A. M. E. church, as shadowed forth in the recent communications published in THE FREEMAN from Rev. Mr. Ridgel, Dr. Henderson and Bishop Turner. Last week prelate Turner had the bat, and Dr. Henderson was apparently the sufferer, but this week, as see letter on next page, Dr. Henderson, true to his reputation as a game fighter, comes back at Mr. Bishop Turner in a manner and spirit charming to witness. In the meantime, let it be noted, the good and picturesque Gen. Sec'y Dr. Derrick, "he still say nuffin, but jes a lisnin."

VANQUISHED.

My moon, dear one, has grown so pale
And night so dark!
My evening brings no nightingale,
My morn no lark!

And through my cloud-enshrouded day,
No thrush is heard;
And afternoon now lacks the lay
Of mocking-bird.

And in my heart, where once were bloom
And rose and spar,
Watched over by death's quiet gloom
Hope's ashes are!

Poor Captive Memory wears the chain
Of Gaunt Regret,
Against whose strength mine own is vain;
I can't forget.

—ERIC GAMBRELL.

Macon, Ga., February, 1894.

INCIDENTAL DESTRUCTION.

The Mirror and Farmer, of Manchester, New Hampshire, one of our best industrial exchanges, under the above caption, has something to say, and well, of the effects of Democratic tariff tinkering, etc., which we commend to the perusal of our readers.

The much promised business revival has been ushered in again by those who have it in charge. For the tenth time or more the organs of the tariff smashers are telling us with one voice that trade has improved, that wheels long idle are in motion again, that people long out of work are again earning wages, and that we are upon the eve of the glorious good times they promised us if we would elect Cleveland and a Democratic congress.

We should take a great deal more stock in this than we do if we saw any evidences that it was true hereabouts. It doesn't quite convince us that every industrial and business enterprize is about to boom, to read a statement to that effect in the New York World and and Boston Herald, when we know past all dispute that right here at home, in Manchester, and all over New Hampshire, our manufacturers and merchants and railroad men are in worse condition than they have ever been and are every day becoming more and more apprehensive regarding the future. We do not count as evidence of the ushering in of an industrial millennium the fact that our mills stop and our shops close and our railroads cancel trains and our people walk the streets in enforced idleness for the first time in a third of a century; and until there is a change within the reach of our own senses we shall decline to accept without discount the rosy tales of prosperity and happiness elsewhere.

In a word we believe they are lying to us, just as they did in 1892 and have been ever since. But that isn't what we started to say. Having assured us that the times are good, or would be if the people would only see it that way, they go on to argue that there is nothing in the Wilson bill to make them bad and that the only trouble grows out of the disposition of manufacturers to shut down and cut down in order to cast odium upon that measure, and while working upon this line they grow very facetious over the course of mill owners, who admit that the proposed changes in the tariff will leave all the protection they need and nevertheless shut their gates and declare they cannot do business because of these changes. Thus The World makes merry over the agent of a New Hampshire cotton factory who has never read the Wilson bill and cannot state what duties it proposes on cottons, but who insists that it has paralyzed his business, forced him to cut wages and to stop his wheels, and it has a great deal to say of the inconstency and foolishness and wickedness of another New England cotton mill owner who has suspended operations not because the Wilson bill prevents him from making goods, but because he expects it will ruin the woolen industry.

This is of a piece with most of the arguments of the free trade advocates, who seem to be utterly unable to understand that industries are dependent upon each other for success; that one cannot be destroyed without seriously crippling others, and that a tariff bill which singles out one here and there for slaughter puts the knife into even those it claims to protect. In other words, that whatever lessens the wages or purchasing power of any class of people tends to spoil the market for the products of other classes. And here is the worst trouble with the Wilson bill. We suppose that the duty which it leaves upon common cotton fabrics, such for instance as are made by the Amoskeag corporation in this city, is sufficient to enable the owners of that corporation to compete with the world after a 10 or 15 per cent. reduction in wages, and if it were simply a matter of making a price on ginghams, denims and sheetings the new bill would not stop a single loom for a day. But the bill is designed to and will wipe out some other industries and it will reduce wages all along the line. The Amoskeag products are bought generally by the working classes and when many of them have nothing to do others are obliged to work for 80 or 90 per cent. of the old rates; they cannot and will not buy as they formerly did; the demand for Amoskeags falls off, the goods accumulate in the storehouses and a stoppage is the inevitable result.

So of every other manufacturing enterprise,—and so far as the sale of goods is concerned the Wilson bill is about as fatal to those that it protects as to those that it leaves open to free competition. Its anthors promised to cheapen the necessaries of life and they have cheapened them so much that nobody except the wealthy can buy them, and therefore there is no demand for such as poor people can get along without. He who earns nothing can spend nothing. He who earns little can buy little, and when the purchasing power of the working classes is reduced one-half or more, as it has been this year, it is small wonder that industries dependent upon their patronage, as nearly all industries are, are paralyzed. It is cheapness that destroys; indirectly and by degrees, perhaps, but effectually and completely.

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HENDERSON VS. TURNER.

The Bishop Held up Between Wind and Water, and

Made a Woeful Example of—Is he a Monomaniac, a Knave or a Fool? This "Round" Henderson's.

If there was one single statement in my article of the 17th ult. which was not correct, why could not Bishop Turner point it out and correct it? Why should he put a false construction upon plain English sentences and then proceed to blame me because his own constructions were false?

Then, after flatly contradicting the published report of the Missionary Board, by joining with Ridgel and saying that no money has been paid to Africa, why should he try to gag me by threats of the discipline? Do I incur danger of the discipline because I dare to write and contradict so unjust an accusation as Ridgel made against the Missionary Department?

Until a few weeks ago the world has been permitted to know nothing of the missionary work of the A. M. E. church save what it could learn through Bishop Turner. What has been told by him? Among the many good things have been hundreds of stray accusations against the other Bishops and pastors who have been held up as thieves, robbers, liars, tramps, etc.

He scattered to the world 5,000 copies of a paper in which almost all of the leading churches of the connection were named and pronounced dead, etc. and the pastors called everything but christian ministers. Why? Shall I tell it? If I dare tell the truth I am threatened with discipline? Morever Bishop Turner is my Bishop and every body knows what I might expect if he wanted to give it to me. Well, I will take it for granted that God is not dead, that an outrage cannot be perpetrated in the A. M. E. church and go unavenged, that I cannot be savagely butchered because I wont be gagged and will tell a few more plain truths.

Why was Bishop Turner so angry at the church? Because it did not roll up thousands of dollars to support his African vageries. No one told him to make his last trip just before Easter of the past year, no one told him to pick up unexamined men and take them far away to Africa before any provision could be made for their support, no one told him to build great air-castles and try to bind the church to the hopless task of giving them materiality. The Bishop, with a noble motive, God forbid that I should question that, but with a zeal that was almost madness plunged ahead with his great schemes regardless of cost, ability to pay or capability of fulfilling.

The church did not seem to see as hopeful a prospect as did the good Bishop, in fact everybody appeared to despair and the result was but few of the thoughtful men of the church put much effort or money into what looked like the phantasm of a dream.

The Bishops did not endorse the glittering project, the preachers found it out and so all held back who knew. Dr. Derrick was not fussing with the Bishop, as I said before that is just the thing he did not do, he kept quite because to have spoken out what he and everybody else thought would simply have been to bring our church in confusion. Everybody kept silence and let the good Bishop rave. He got out a 5,000 copy edition of his paper in which he stigmatized the A. M. E. church as it never has seen stigmatized, and sent them to the world.

Every one grinned and bore it, still hoping for better things. Soon Ridgel, whom the Bishop had taken to Africa, began writing letters in which he echoed the abuse of the church which he had absorbed. Still all kept quiet. At last the tide of feeling began to seek somebody upon which to settle, it picked out Dr. Derrick and lashed him in its fury. He stood still and immovable as Gibraltar. It was found then persons all over the country were around collecting money in the name of the Missionary Department and claiming to have credentials, Derrick was blamed. Accusation after accusation questioning the integrity of the church were found in papers. Still everybody kept silent. At last Bishop Gaines and others concluded that it would not do to be silent any longer, that it was time to look into things. Easter was coming and unless the people could be made to see the truly hopeful aspect of things, returns would be slim.

After a careful investigation it was found that in spite of all statements to the contrary, $3,629,91 had been expended on Africa within the last eighteen months. Last week Bishop Turner said that Derrick had none to spend. Yet Dr. Derrick furnished the good Bishop $1000,00 cool cash to put in his pocket and take to Africa for the poor missionaries. Bishop Turner says Derrick failed to send money to Clemont Irons and others, yet Bishop Turner gave $350,00 out of this $1000 to Clemont Irons. Altogether $3,629,-91 have been used for Africa within eighteen months. As the good Bishop has said I have joined the great army of misrepresenters, I must refer all to the published report which appeared in the Christian Recorder and is therefore public property.

Who is this army of misrepresenters? Everybody who does not cooooo with the Bishop.

Bishop Turner certainly cannot with justice accuse me of harming Easter Day by contradicting Ridgel's letter. Ridgel was recalled for two reasons one of which is public property, (i. e.) so many hundred people were repeating the tales current about him that no support could be obtained for a cause that retained him.

I am not making an attack upon Bishop Turner and have made no reference to him save in his capacity as a representative of a department. I do not have to bite my tongue to withhold personal remarks. I have long since learned that it is ungentlemanly and unchristian to leave the discussion of a subject to indulge in personal recrimination. I do not for a moment doubt the good Bishop's ability to say personal things that would make me smart and sting, I scarcely believe in his ability to refrain from doing so, yet he has tried to make the truth of my article appear in a false light and I have braved the coming storm and talked out.

For the good of humanity let it be known that the Bishops of the A. M. E church have joined hands to make the grandest department of the church a success. Africa is the watchword all along the line. Not great cities and states and nations to be built up in a day upon the soil of a heathen land but humble missions to be established in a judicious and wise way among a people related to us by ties of blood. Thanks to Bishop Turner's great fame and his ability as a writer and his zealous work the whole race is thinking about Africa. Whatever the good Bishop may see fit to do to me for this revealation of some of the truth, I will say this in justice to his work. Whatever may have been the extravagance of some of his ideas, whatever may have been the quality of some of his measures, this fact remains, he it was whose heroic act planted the banner of the A. M. E. church upon the distant shores of what he has christened "the Giant Continent."

I find no fault and say no words against anything but the persistent mistakes the Bishop makes. He indulges dreams that belong to a future generation not to this one. He refuses to come down to the level of the people with whom he must deal.

We raise a dollar for a missionary in Africa and he talks to us about building cities and starting ships. We plan to build a little mission house over there and he talks to us about founding a nation. We don't know what to say or do so we simply grow amazed and do nothing. Then the good Bishop raves at us. He picks up a man whom no one regards as suited for the work and "totes" him off to Africa, and then gets mad when we say that we don't like it. He don't want anybody to say Africa or look Africa but himself and stalks about as though he had "the giant continent" under his vest. That don't suit, if the church is to support the work it must be consulted, it must be informed. Facts must not be suppressed.

If anybody wants to talk or write about Africa they should have liberty and not have a great African censor standing ready to threaten the discipline, threaten personal attacks and dire vengeance in general.

I hope that this matter will stop right here yet, if it is to be continued I will be found coming up to the line after every round if it lasts ten years.

If Bishop Turner don't agree with what I have said, let him do as other scholars of his standing would do, simply point out and combat that which he does not believe and leave threats, personalities and all such things to the people who don't know how to argue.

JOHN M. HENDERSON,
Feb. 3, '94. Detroit, Mich.

"Peeping Through the Bars."

Carthage, Mo., Special.

Mrs. Daniel Bly, a well-to-do citizen of this place, died recently. Lige Fisher is now peeping through the bars on E. Fourth. Rev. Mr. Nappen, of Butler, preached at the M. E. church several nights last week. The Lincoln schools are well attended this pleasant weather. The Southwest Missouri Teachers' Association will meet at Pleasant Hill, Mo., the 17th inst. J. M. Davis, of Nevada, Mo., assures us that there will be many able speeches made at the place mentioned

PROF. MEYZEEK'S PAPER.

The Teachers' Institute — Officers Elected — The Scent

Of Wedding Flowers — Not an Elopement — Is the "Pavilion" Worthless?—Grand Lodge to See.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Miss Lucy A. Jackson has returned home. G. T. Diehl of the "American Baptist" has resigned to accept the formanship of the "New South" office which will give to the public its first issue probably, March, 24, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis' little "new comer" of last week was a one armed boy; mother and child doing well. Miss Ophelia O. Taylor has returned from Chicago and the North West. The much talked of pavilion which, State Grand-master W. A. Gaines and co-workers have continuously been agitating for the past few months has been practically conceded by many of the best thinking members of their order to be worthless. The matter will come up before the State Grand Lodge this summer. The teachers' institute met last Saturday morning at Central High school. Promptly at 11 o'clock Prof. J. E. Simpson called the meeting to order. After other exercises, Dr. Henry Fitzbutler addressed the institute on "Relation of teachers to health of pupils." The address was explicit and pointed. Prof. A. E, Meyzeek read an excellent paper on "Curriculum for intermediate schools." The institute by resolution appointed the next meeting for a discussion of this paper. Prof. F. L. Williams and R. W. Wilkerson read papers of much importance. The Rev. T. J. Brown was requested by the committee to address the next meeting. Dr. G. F. Simpson and R. Dunlop and R. Finzer of the trustees were present. Miss Mary Durham has returned from Paris, Ky. Geo. King and Miss Katie Thompson crossed to Jeffersonville and were married last week. Prof. G. F. Richings left Saturday last for Nashville, Tenn. W. T. Peyton, National Grand Master of U. B. F. has set apart April 1, 1894, as thanksgiving day to be observed by the order. The joint lodge and temple of U. B. F. and S. M. T. elected the following officers last Monday night. Thomas Cobby, president, J. A. Nunn, vice-president, Elijah Wilson, secretary, Frank Antle, treasurer, Jesse Montgomery, George Murphy and John P. Jetton were chosen directors. Rumor is current that Messrs. J. D. Long, H. P. Slaughter and Nathanial Wilkerson will lead some well known ladies of the West end to the alter, soon. George Price and Miss Carrie Gunn were very quietly married last Tuesday evening at 937 Fifth street by Rev. J. H. Frank. They were the recipients of quite a number of handsome presents. They are at home to friends at the above place. Additional members elected at the joint lodge and temple last Monday night were Miss L. R. Jackson, assistant secretary, Miss Eliza Arnett, assistant treasurer, Parry Parker, janitor; board of directors, T. R. Hammonds, John Gaddie, H. Marks and Joseph Hocker. The funeral of Miss Gertrude Murphy, aged 20 years took place from Fifteenth St. A. M. E. Zion church last Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m., Rev. R. T. Anderson officiated. Columbus Brown, an ex-government store keeper who a few weeks ago was taken to the asylum, it growing worse weekly. Mrs. Eugene Pollard is very ill at her residence 1223 Oldham St. Thomas Cobby, District Deputy of U. B. F. and Miss Addie Seals were very quietly married last Thursday night at the residence of Mrs. Jane Simms by Rev. E. L, Gilliam. Mrs. Julia Taylor an old member of Temple No. 16, S. M. T. and Household of Ruth No. 60, died last Thursday, March 1st and was buried Sunday last from Quinn Chapel church. There will be a grand rally held at Centre St. C. M. E. Church to morrow for the purpose of raising money to pay a balance due on insurance. Rev. P. A. Sample, pastor; all are invited to come.

Miss Harper the elocutionist is in the city. Miss Alberta Miller has returned home from a visit to Flemingsburg, Ky. Miss Beaulah Coates and Frank Mack crossed to Jeffersonville, on the evening of the 26th ult, where Justice Kegwin tied the nuptial cord in a double bow knot. They did not elope, as had been reported. Both parties are well known in local society circles. Miss coates, the bride, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Coates. Mr. Mack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mack. He is popular among the gents and a favorite with the ladies. They were accompanied to the Hoosier Gretna Green by Miss Lizzie Harris and Louis Brannan. The happy couple will reside temporarily at the residence of the groom's parents, 1226 W. Madison St., where they will be at home to their friends. The Thanksgiving services of the G. U. O. of O. F. were held at their hall on last Sunday afternoon. Rev. C. H. Parrish delivered an able and interesting sermon. W. G. Moore, agent for the Freeman, 1639 Oak St. Send card for a subscription.

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Springfield, Ohio, Special.

Champion Binder Lodge, No. 3027, G. U. O. of O. F. in connection with Solomon Temple lodge and Springfield Patriarchie and Household of Ruth, held their annual Thanksgiving services at the Second Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. Master of ceremonies, R. N. Hurley. Rev. M. E. Davis, pastor of Second A. M. E. church delivered one of the most forcable discourses on Odd Fellowship that we have heard for some time. The theme of his discourse was "A three fold cord not quickly broken," subject, "Bond of Unity. On Monday evening the lodges gave a grand musical entertainment; the following is the program: music; Master of Ceremonies will call to order; address: P. N. F., Squire Lee, subject, "Antiquity and Authenticity of the Order; music; essay, Mr. George Baily, "Hawaiian Islands; music; discussion: resolved, "That the Negro race have suffered more by the hands of the white man than the Indian." Affiirmative: M. L. Peters, A. Viney; negative: William J. Gazaway, Harry Thomas; Master of Ceremonies, P. N. F., Z. R Jackson. The Second Baptist church finished their baptising in the pool of Freewill Baptist church; there were three candidates. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Robinson and Mrs. A, B. Robinson went to London, Ohio last week to attend the funeral of their nephew. Sam B. Hill of Cincinnati passed through the city en route to Cleveland to attend to important business pertaining to the Knights of Pythias. Chas. Fillmore, grand secretary of this state was in the city last week to attend the Odd Fellow's services. Rev. A. H. Lucas, of the High street M. E. church will address the Y. M. C. A. at 3:30 p. m. this Sunday. Rev. Mr. Caldwell of Payne Theological Seminary at Wilberforce, preached at the Second A. M. E. on last Sunday evening.

Rev. M. E. Davis, pastor of the Second A. M. E. church will commence his revival on next Sunday the 11th, and will be assisted by Rev. Watson and Knox. Bishop B. W. Arnett preached at North St. church Thursday the 1st. Archie Singleton has brought suit against James A Todd, (white) a member of the Board of Public affairs, to gain possession of the property he (Todd) occupies. Singleton bought the property for taxes, three years ago and holds an Auditor's deed for same. Hence the suit for ejectment and damages amounting to $330. Rev. A. W. White was in Cincinnati last Sunday.

Their Annual Sermon.

Marion. Ind., Special.

Rev. A. S. Murrey, of Vincennes, Ind., delivered the annual sermon before the G. U. O. of O. F. at the A. M. E. church. For three successive years Rev. Murrey has delivered this annual sermon before the order in this city and he never fails to have a packed audience. The uniformed rank of the order were on dress parade yesterday. Mrs. J. H. Thompson returned home Tuesday from Indianapolis, after a short visit. Rev. Thompson received in the church on Sunday fifteen persons. Miss Grace Poindexter is on the sick list. Mrs. Richason and niece, of Anderson, Ind., are in the city visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. L. P. Perry is thinking of taking a trip to Chicago soon. Miss Libbie Hill will return to her home in Niles, Mich., soon. Mrs. S. Hampton has returned home, after a short visit to Evansville, Ind. Rev. H. H. Thompson is having great success in his revival meetings, assisted by Rev. Holiday, of Michigan. Miss Anna Peters is on the sick list, also Miss Ilia Stuart.

'Twas the Chicken Pox.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.

There has been a great deal of talking done about the small pox being here, but it has been proven to be a mere scare. There were several cases of chicken pox, that's all. I visited the school of Miss Cordelia Read, sevdays ago and found her young students well trained in their text books. Miss Read is a charming young lady, and has many friends. Miss Read commenced her school two years ago with about fifteen students, that small number had reached the scale of 125 students; the average now daily attending is 80. Her school is situated on the corner of Mitchell and Haynes Sts.

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"Widow's Son" Lodge Gave a Banquet.

Fort Smith, Ark., Special.

One of the most thoroughly enjoyable events that has transpired in this city was the banquet given by Widows' Son lodge No. 3, F. & A M., Thursday evening, Feb. 27th. P. G. S. W., W. F. Lewis was Master of Ceremonies. The Junior brass band rendered a few excellent pieces of music on the outside of the church in the way of a serenade, which was followed by an address by E. E. McDaniel on Masonry. Prof. G. H. W. Stewart spoke on "The Negro and His Future Status." Hon. Mose A. Clark was the orator of the evening and kept the entire crowd in an uproarous laughter by his wit and humor. Immediately followed the announcement of supper, and the 200 guests marched around the table and partook of a sumptuous repast. Madams A. Pryor, Millie Walker, Alice Stewart, Ellen Meachen, Mattie Harlin, and Messrs. Daniel Harrison and W. A. Douglass had charge of the arrangements. Widows' Son lodge No. 3 may well feel proud of their annual banquet.

There was a grand concert and festival at the A. M. E. church on the 21st ult., given by Prof. W. W. Jones and Rev. Rucker. Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Winston and Mrs. Green spread an inviting table. Mrs. D. M. Craig is improving. Samuel Quinly was recently in our city from Huntington Ark. There was an entertainment at the Ninth St. Baptist church; the sum of $24 00 was realized, on the 23rd of Feb. The ladies of the M. E. church gave a grand cap social on the 1st. There was baptising at the Ninth St. Baptist church Sunday the 25th, four were immersed; there are more to be immersed some other time.

The Forty-eighth Anniversary.

Wilmington, Del., Special.

Asburn McNitt is attending school at The Princess Ann Academy, Md. The 48th anniversary of Zion M. E. church Sunday schoool will take place Friday evening, March, 16th, at Bethel A M E. church and the many friends of Dr. W. H. Herd will tender him a silver donation, Thursday evening March, 22d. The minutes of the late district convention of the G. U. O. of O. F. are out; the document contains a vast amount of valuable information. Edward Williams has returned from Albany, N. Y Simon A. Chase was out of the city on business last Sunday. Mrs. Rachel Wheatly died last week at her home on Front and Tatnall Sts. Wilson Hemstey, 6, Girard St., has moved his family to Philadelphia. A grand stereoptican exhibition was given at the Union A. M. E. church Tuesday evening 27th ult; a fair audience was in attendence. Mrs. Susan, of Dover, Del., is visiting in this city. Granville Robertson formerly of this city but now of Philadelphia, died at his residence 1351 Atmora St. The G. U. O. of O F. turned out Sunday, 4th inst. A sermon was preached to them at Mt. Joy M. E. church by Rev. W. H. Guy. The forth and last quarterly conference of Zion M E church was held March, 4th inst. The reports showed a good year's work financially not withstanding the money stringency. One hundred and forty-five persons professed conversion and joined the church during the late revival. Presiding Elder Waters reports his entire district in a prosperous condition. Mrs. J. Hudson Riddick formerly of this city but of Philadelphia is very ill at her home 1345 Poplar St. The Freeman can be be secured from James A. Benton 849 Windsor St. every week.

Flora Batson to Appear.

Baltimore, Md., Special.

The event of the season was a grand dramatic and musical entertainment, on last Tuesday evening, March 6, '94, at the Monumental Assembly rooms, corner St. Paul and Centre streets, by Ednorah Nahar's Concert Co., consisting of Miss Ednorah Nahar, Joseph Douglass, the talented violinist; Prof. Nelsoni, mandolin soloist; assisted by Wm. T. Taylor, baritone and humorist and well known local artists; H. S. Cummings, manager. The entertainment was a grand success. Quite a number of friends and guests of this and other cities were present. The hall was filled.

At Ebenezer A M. E. church, Montgomery street (Baltimore), Rev. I. S. Lee, pastor, Monday evening, March 19, '94, Flora Batson will appear, supported by a select company, to aid the Sunday school rally for building fund. Mrs. Sarah A. McCayghey and Miss Jennie P. Ferguson spent the 22nd inst. in Washington with their friends and spent the time pleasantly. There was a grand entertainment at John Wesley M. E. church on last Monday evening.

Isaiah Wesley has been quite sick for some time with la grippe but he is on the mend now. Ebenezer, Bethel and Sharp St. churches are having very large revivals going on. Great good is being done in saving souls. Miss Sarah I. Tyson and Geo. A. Bell were married on last Wednesday evening, March 7, '94, at 8 p. m., at the residence of the bride's parents, 874 W. Roborg street. A large number of guests were present. The presents were handsome and costly. The Freeman can be found at the agent's address, 224 W. Hill street; W. H. Carpenter, Baltimore, Md

Orators Selected.

Lincoln University, Pa., Special.

The Junior orations were as follows: H. P. Butler, South Carolina, "Nature a Truth;" C. H. Tibbs, Kentucky, "A Dragon;" J. M. Brumfield, Kentucky "Sea of Life;" C. B. Dunbar, Liberia, "A Requisite;" J. W. Bird, Delaware, "How Shall We Answer?" J. E. Harper, South Carolina, "In What Shall We Hope?" W. P. Todd, Virginia, "Worthy Monuments;" W. R. Dickerson, New Jersey, "An Enigma;" C. P. Cole, South Carolina, "Palladium of a Nation;" C. H. Hynson, Maryland, "Diligence;" C. G. Cummings, Maryland, "A Connection;" H. W. Calloway, Maryland, "The Call;" J. C. Brock, Pennsylvania, "The Question;" J. H. Wilson, Virginia, "Man's Well-Being." The six successful in being appointed to contest for the prize gold medal in June are J. E. Harper, C, H Hynson, W. R Dickerson, of G. L. A., and J. M. Brumfield, C. P. Cole and C. B. Dunbar, of P. L. S. Rev. Geo. W. Carr, of Edinburg, Scotland, who is visiting Dr. Martin, preached last Wednesday evening from Luke II chapter. His theme was "Teach us to pray." Lincoln Concert Co. No. 2, under the management of D B. Miller, went to Philadelphia Thursday. They report a success We think it time that company No. 1 should make its debut. Mrs. McFadden has not fully recovered from her injuries but we are glad to say she is improving.

Seriously Wounded.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mr. Wm. Inman has returned from Cleveland, Tenn. Miss Mary Guess spent last week at home. Another name added to the sudden death list: Mrs. Jane Nance, quite aged; apoplexy the cause. The night serenaders missed quite an interesting sermon last Sunday at the Congregational church. Rev. J. E. Smith, the pastor, is the right man in the right place. Benj. Franklin inflicted quite a serious wound in the cranium of Jim Jackson last week. They are both moulders at the Chattanooga plow works. Mrs. Rosa Jones succeeded in getting a divorce from her husband Harrison Jones. Pay the agent for your paper, don't wait to be dunned. Rev. G. W. Parks and family left last week to make Knoxville their future home. Rev. T. A. Thompson preached the Thanksgiving sermon of the Odd Fellows last Sunday; the musical program was quite interesting and suited the occasion.

The statement that the Negro is a "Great Imitator" is no longer a compliment to him. To buy no books but those written by Caucasians or to adorn his home, school, college or lecture hall, with pictures of whites alone, marks him as a back-number; a "handkerchief head" Look on Fourth Page and see your choice.

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TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE.

Third Annual Session—Marked Advancement Made Along

Many Lines Since the Last Meeting—Splendid Set of Declarations Reported—Distinguished Guests.

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN:—Pursuant to the call issued by Prof. Booker T. Washington, the third annual session of the Tuskegee Negro conference convened Feb. 21st, The rains of the previous day or two had caused the wagon roads to become greatly muddled and the branches very much swolen; but Despite the bad weather and long drives, between 500 and 600 farmers were present, thereby evincing their interest in and their desire to get something from the conference.

At a little after 10:00 o'clock Prof. Washington called the meeting to order, and after the devotion which consisted of singing, and scripture reading by Bishop Tanner, of Philadelphia, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Alfred Battle, Prof. Washington in his usual plain-speaking manner stated the object of the meeting. He said that the meeting was for the farmers mainly, and that he hoped there would be no studied and laborious attempts at oratory, nothing but plain facts and those given in the most simple manner. It was deemed necessary to have only two committees appointed and those were on nominations and declarations; pending the report of the nominating committee, different persons were called on to say a few words relative to their conditions. First was Willis Ligon, of Macon County; this gentleman is uneducated, can scarcely read or write, yet he is a stock holder in the bank of Tuskegee. Mr. Ligon said: "I can read but a little, yet I know what it takes to make progress. Our people want to put more faith in Christ and work. At one time I had to harness myself to my plow in order to make my point; I have tried to help my people, I advise our people not to mortgage, a mortgage is something that never sleeps. At the time of the emancipation I had $20.00 but spent nearly all of it in going to Montgomery, to hear a great speech on the "40 acres and a mule;" I have since learned that the only way I could get the "forty acres and a mule" would be to work and buy them."

At this point Prof. C. M. Wells, of Opelika, chairman of the committee on nominations reported the following: For president, Prof. Booker T. Washington; vice-president, Mr. Menafee, of Opelika, secretary, Miss E. M. Jackson, of Tuskegee.

The report was adopted, other testimonies were then given.. Mr. Goodwyn said that he didn't own any home but since the last conference he has been trying to buy one, he said that he was in debt but had 18 bales of cotton in Montgomery, which he thought would be sufficient to pay him out. About six others were heard from, some owned homes and some did not. One man said that he had bought land which cost him $25.00 per acre, and that he now pays tax on about $3,000 or $4,000 worth of property. Here Warren Logan, chairman of the committee on declarations reported the following:

DECLARATIONS.

We believe education, property and practical religion will eventually give us every right and privilege enjoyed by other citizens, and, therefore, that our interests can best be served by bending all our energies to securing them, rather than by dwelling on the past, or by fault-finding and complaining. We desire to make the Tuskegee Negro Conference a guage of our progress, from year to year, in these things, in the Black-Belt.

First—With regard to education, it is still true that the average length of the country school is about three and a-half months; there is either no school house or a very poor one, and the teacher, as a rule, is but little prepared for his work. We would suggest, as remedies, the raising of money by subscription, to lengthen the school term and to provide more and better school houses. We would also urge upon our schools and colleges for the training of leaders, the importance of sending more of their best men and women to the smaller towns and country districts.

Second—As regards property, we find that four-fifths of our farmers still practice the habit of mortgaging their unplanted crops, for the supplies furnished then, live on rented lands, are in debt and two-thirds live in one-room cabins. As remedies, we recommend the immediate purchase of land; its thorough cultivation, the raising of sufficient food supplies for home use; that we avoid the emigration agent; keep out of the cities; pay our taxes promptly; stop moving from farm to farm every year, work winters as well as summers, Saturdays as well as other days; practice every form of economy, and especially avoid the expensive and injurious habit of using liguor, tobacco and snuff; and since our interests are one with the white people among whom we live, we would urge the cultivation, in every manly way, of friendship and good-will toward them.

Third—While in morals and religion we are far from what we ought to be, we yet note, each year, real improvement. To help us in this direction we urge a better preparation for the Christian ministry; the settlement of more of our differences outside of the courts; that we draw sharp lines between the virtuous and the immoral; that we refuse to tolerate wrong-doing in our leaders, especially in our ministers and teachers; that we treat our women with more respect and urge upon them the importance of giving more time to their home life, and less to the streets and public places.

In conclusion, the facts gathered from three conferences warrant us in saying that each year, education is increasing, more and more property is being acquired, and gradually, religion is becoming less a thing of the emotions and more a matter of upright living. We are glad to note a growing interest, on the part of the best white people of the South, in our progress.

After discussing the different sections of the report it was adopted as the sense of the conference. The committee reported that about four-fifths of the colored people in this section lived in one-roomed cabins. The house dissented from that and thought it only true of about two-thirds. Nearly every county that was represented had on an average three months school, and where they were longer it was by a supplement. In that way some had continued as long as nine months. As a rule the people in every county had no school houses; schools were taught in churches and shanties. The people said that they wanted better teachers and preachers, they were getting tired of the old condition of things. "Since the last conference," some said, "we have gotton rid of our immoral teachers and preachers and now have better ones." Some present reported their communities as being able to support a physician and thought that our professional men should turn their attention more towards the country districts than they do. Upon this point C. N. Dorsette of Montgomery made a few remarks. He said that it was one thing to talk, but quite another thing to do. There were quite a number, he said, who wanted a physician in their community but would not be willing to support him. One gentlemen whose enthusiasm had reached quite a pitch, said that he would support one. That remark called forth quite a laughter. Speaking of the mortgage system, the testimonies given in showed that it has quite a hold upon the farmers of this section. One man said that nearly every one in his community runs on the mortgage system. But the fact that the previous two conferences had caused many farmers to bargain for the buying of homes was openly manifested. Of those who live in one-roomed cabins, it was reported that in some communities nearly every family lived in a one-roomed cabin. Dr. Dorsette said that within an a radius of 15 miles the people in his part of Montgomery County, lived in two-roomed houses. Rev. Mr. Jackson, presiding elder of the C. M. E. connection, said that he had traveled over eight counties and that he was safe in saying that about 85 per cent of the people in those counties lived in one-roomed houses. But it was shown that in this respect the previous conference had wrought a change. It was now about time for dinner but before adjournment, Mr. Washington read several letters from persons regretting their inability to attend, Messrs. C. P. Huntington, Robert C. Winthrop, Drs. Lyman Abott, J. L. M. Curry, Pres. Gilman, of John Hopkin's University and a few others, The meeting then adjourned for dinner. The students had been to their dinner, and now this great crowd made its way to the dining room where dinner, provided by the school, was awaiting them. During this repast the school's brass band discoursed sweet music for the entertainment of the guests.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Before calling the meeting to order Pres. Washington requested the people to sing some of their spirituals which they did, with their usual fervor. The meeting was then called to order at about half past three. The question was asked as to the desire on the part of the people to leave the South and go to the West or to Africa. Sufficient evidences were given to show that the people are going to remain where they are and strive to develope along the different lines of progress. The question as to the raising of food for home consumption, was taken up. The first conference revealed the fact that nearly every farmer raised but little else than cotton; that they bought nearly everything they consumed. But since that time they had turned their attention more in the direction of raising less cotton and more corn, peas and potatoes; fewer dogs and more hogs, etc. One man said that he raised everything his family consumed from year to year. Another said that he called the people in meetings and talked to them about what to raise. Mrs. Scofield, of South Carolina, spoke of, how the people in her section of the country, paid too little attention to the raising of food, and how they, too, were being affected by the iniquitious mortgage system. As to morals and religion, the people in the country districts are to be commended for the progress they are making along that line, yet the state of affairs is bad. In some communities it was reported that no arrests had been made within five miles of them, and that the people were learning to settle their own difficulties without going to the courts. It was found upon investigation that nine had bank accounts. Dr. Pettiford, the president of the only colored bank in Alabama, was presented and spoke to the people about saving their money—about the importance of starting bank accounts. It was now about time to adjourn as some had quite a distance to go to their homes, and after hearing a few remarks from Rev. Silas Jones, the benediction was said by Rev. Mr. Morton, (white) Presbyterian minister of Tuskegee. Thus ended the third annual session of the Tuskegee Negro conference.

In connection with the general conference, a woman's conference was held, which assembled immediately after dinner. This was presided over by Mrs. Warren Logan. The influence of this conference will be long felt.

A goodly number of visitors were present on the occasion of this conference, among whom were Bishop Tanner of Philadelphia; Drs. Frizzell of Hampton, Cravath of Fisk, Hincks of Atlanta, Woodbury, of New York city; Richard Humphreys and Mrs. J. S. Barrows of Boston, Miss Giles of Spellman, Miss Scofield of Aiken, Drs. Dorsette of Montgomery, and Hubbard, Dean of Meharry Medical College. Their presence and encouraging words lent a helpful influence to the conference. The school was thrown open to every one, and all expressed themselves as delighted with the progress of the school, and were made to feel more keenly the needs of the race, from the impressions received from the conference. No one but those who have heard from the lips of the people themselves their condition, can fully realize how much there is yet to do. Pres. Washington's eyes are open and he is doing what he can to aid the race's progress; his efforts should be commended, and the leaders of the race should join in a united effort to show our people the practical side of life so that they may live as it becomes a civilized race. The material condition of the people must be bettered or there will be little practice of christianity. Let all good people and lovers of race advancement rejoice in the spirit which prompted Prof. Washington to call these conferences, and pray that his example may be followed in the other Southern states.

M. EASTON DANIELS.

The Rainbow Wedding.

Jackson, Tenn., Special.

Old Aunt Martha Simmons died Feb. 22nd and was buried the 23rd by the sisters' aid society of which she was a member. The concert given at the A. M. E. church by members of Lone Institute, was a grand affair. Feb. 16th there was a grand rainbow wedding or sham marriage, at Liberty C. M. E. church. The bride being Miss Eliza Freeling and the groom being Denison Frye; Mrs. Albert Jones was bridesmaid. A handsome sum was realized for the church. Mrs. Sarah J. Lancaster entertained friends at her home, 434 Liberty St., recently in honor of her cousin, Mrs. H. C. Mosby of Memphis Tenn.; among those present were Mr. and Mrs William Whitefield, Dr. and Mrs. M. V. Lynk, Messrs. Eastland, Porter, Hardin and Ewing, Misses Benntte, (Memphis) E. B. Miller, Lillie Wells and C. Narman. Refreshment were served. Dr. C. V. Smith of Pensacola, Fla. but late of Meharry Medical College, passed through the city last Satnrday, en route to Springfield, Mo., where he expects to begin his profession. Rev. H. E. Harris is untiring in his efforts to arrouse his congregation, spiritually as well as financially. Rev. J. C. Powell, pastor of Denmark circuit' has lately moved his family to the city. They reside on Liberty St. Rev. J. K. Daniels presiding elder of this district (Jackson) will hold his second quarterly meeting at Liberty St. church to morrow. Everyone who missed the $1.00 rate of The Freeman has lost more news than can be found again for such little money. I would not be without it.

The Pink Tea.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., Special.

The pink tea party passed off nicely last week. The declamatory contest at Allen Chapel was a success. The declaimants were Miss Hattie Phillips, Miss Carrie Lewis, Miss Bettie and Rosa Childress. Miss Bettie having obtained the gold medal. Rev. M. Vann, the State Missionary stopped off here and gave us a glorious sermon. The First Baptist church and Allen Chapel are holding revival meetings. Miss Carrie Murphy is in Nashville.

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Colored Men Doing Well.

Sandago, Kan., Special.

Some of the many readers of The Freeman may like to hear from this part of Kansas. The colored people that came here in the early days, the few, that staid with the country is now making good improvement on their farms and have a hundred and sixty acres each. We are in the minority but have the public rights, such as schools and courts. We get along with the whites well in this county. Some of our prosperou scolored men are Mr. Wm. Michaux, he reads The Freeman every week, and is worth three thousand dollars; Mr. Geo. Gracey is worth two thousand five hundred; G. W. Walker is worth four thousand, and has eight children, only one boy 4 yrs old. Mr. Calvin Harris, who married on 28th of last May, Miss Lucy Jones, the daughter of Rev. S. F. Jones, (deceased), is doing well, he worth two thousand dollars. Mr. Jas. Wheeler is preparing to build in the spring himself an eight room house; he is worth four or five thousand dollars. He has no children; his mother-in-law is with him.

Some Thriving Negroes.

Spartansburg, S. C., Special.

Spartansburg is a city of some ten thousand inhabitants, half of this population are colored. Churches abound in every direction: M. E, A. M. E., A. M. E. Zion, C. P., First and Second Baptist. We have had two large schools, and now we have another. Two colored M. D's., Drs. Rhods and Harry; one drug store, owned by C. C. Bomor and Thomson on Church St. Our people are in the upward read of business, trades of all kind. We have one weekly news paper, The Spartanburg Plaindealer; The Plaindealer is run by a joint stock company. Our post office is the great center of attraction at present. The present post master's time expires some time in September. The Democrats have called a meeting, and cracked the party lash and appointed a primary for democratic voters to make their choice. The primary election will be held on the 15th day of March. Voters are required to make the following oath. I do solemnly swear that I am a patron of the Spartansburg post office and entitled to vote in the democratic primary. J. K. Jennings, chairman; J. C. Garlington, secretary; we had a colored post master in this county, in Gaffney, one at Wellford, torn down and out long ago. Blood is thicker than water.

First Conference.

Ozceola, Ark, Special.

We have a good church here. Our first quarterly conference was held on the 26th and 27th of Jan., by Rev. J. E. Neal, P. E., of the Jonesboro district. The conference was ably conducted by the little giant. We raised for the Presiding Elder $13. We gave him a grand "pink apron" party reception. We raised for all purposes $60, first quarter. We have a grand Sunday school. We had a grand entertainment on the 24th, known as "La Hens Nest." Our people are not sleep; we have 3 churches; one fine school; 2 groceries, 1 doctor, several restaurants and a few real estate owners; Masonic and Odd Fellow halls.

Poor Leaders.

Frost, Tex., Special.

The many friends of Miss L. E. Johnson, one of Corsicana's city teachers, will be pleased to know that she is up again. Mrs. Oar, wife of Rev. J. L. Oar, of Emmett, is up again. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen, of Frost is on the sick list. Mrs. Dora Cook, of Irene, is suffering with cancer. Among the good farmers and race men in this community may be mentioned Messrs: A. W. Williams, W. F. Younger, S. N. Nelson, P. Brown, Simon James, Jake Thomas, Ed Boldin, and W. F. Wilson all in good circumstances, but not a single one reads The Freeman. Shame on such leaders.

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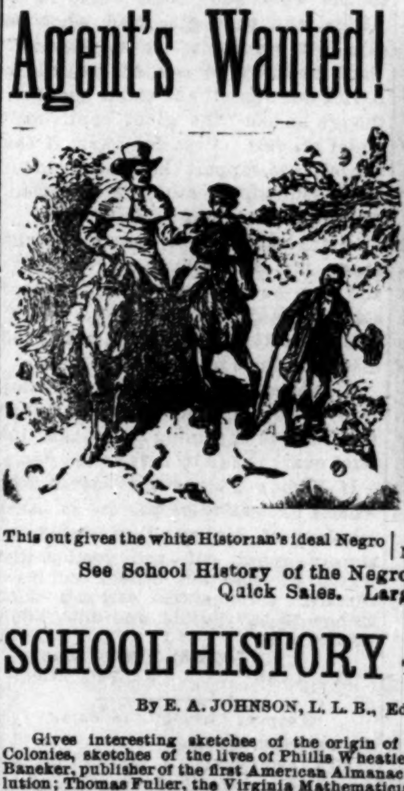

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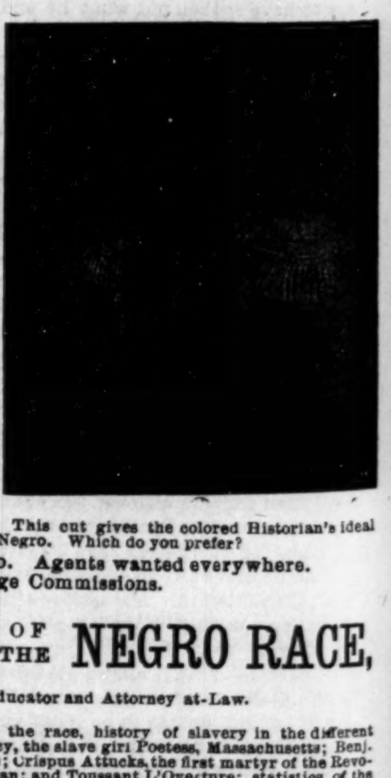

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At Present in England, Writes Interestingly—The Different

Hued Afro-American a Puzzler to the Average Englishman—America, After All, the Negro's Best Haven.

This morning we are in a fog—a "London fog"—and we see as "through a glass," darkly. M. Laine, the great French historian, attributes much of the churlishness, perverseness and selfishness of the English people to the fact that they are subject to these fogs and many sudden and radical changes of atmosphere and temperature.

Be this as it may, I am sure of one thing; however dense the fog may be the average Englishman never loses sight of a good commercial venture and generally manges to get his vision sufficiently cleared to see "which side his bread is buttered on." I don't wonder that the people on this beautiful island are cosmopolitan in their feeling and actions—that they will grasp a black man by the hand and invite him to their homes—if he is a man of means and is morally clean; for the collonial possessions of "Merrie England" are so vast and the peoples coming beneath her sway are so various that to be provincial and sqeamish on grounds of nationality and color, would be practically incompatible with her ancient policy, if not suicidal. Just think of this vast stretch: England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, India, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Canada, Africa (in part), the West India Isles, to say nothing of smaller parcels of the earth's crust and her "protectorates" exercised over other "pieces and parcels of land" too numerous to mention. The foregoing include amongst their inhabitants people of every clime, color, religious beleif and condition.

To grasp the scope of her "empire" and form some conception of her power, one needs only to traverse the extensive galleries of Ethnography in the British Museum and see the array of nations represented therein.

These people, notwithstanding the premises, do not seem to understand our American mixed-blooded people. If a man is pure black, they readily conclude that he is an African, and that is the end of it; but if he be a mulatto, quadroon or octoroon, they are "struck with wonder"—puzzled—and it is difficult to make an explanation that sets them entirely at rest.

This writer and his family, who are pretty thoroughly "colored," have been to these people the objects of never ending speculation and curiosity. On the train between Liver pool and London, while we were stopping at Derby (pronounced Darby), a gentleman came to the door of our compartment on the train, and said: "Beg pardon, but will you kindly inform me if that little lady is a Japanese lady?" He referred to our little 8 year old Clara. Our Jesse, who is darker than Clara, has been asked whether he were Chinese, Japanese, Parsee (East Indian), Egyptian, and what not.

A few evenings ago, "The Only Theodore," my dare devil "second oldest," was out on the Harrow Road (they call most avenues here "roads") with one "Little Freddie," an English youth, when they stopped to look in at a show window. A passer by stopped to gaze at Theo, another being attracted by the third, began to stare at the trio; and, before long, there was a dense crowd, extending out into the gutter. Thereupon, Theo, the said "D. D.," took off his hat and began to pass it around, as if for pennies, which caused not a little amusement. But, for all this, we are recognized socially and every otherwise, and very kindly treated.

A week ago, Harry A. Williams, who is filling an engagement at the Palace Theatre in this city—singing in his beautiful soft tenor voice the latest classical music, to his own accompaniment—was honored by being invited to sing in a company of which the Duke of Tek was one. When he told me of it, I said: "Harry, how did it Tek (thake—see)?" Harry looked puzzled for a moment and then said: "Tek care," which I proceeded to do. Now, Mr. Williams is well colored, and the Duke of Tek, who is married to the Duchess of Cambridge, if I mistake not, is the father-in law of the oldest son of the Prince of Wales, heir presumptive to the throne of England. So you see, merit means very much over here, even under a black skin.

But the United States of America is the place for the Afro-American as a class. There he is in great numbers; it is his home, purchased and sealed with his heart's blood and developed, in great part, by his industry and perseverance; there he must live, contend and triumph. There are Negro-haters in the United States it is true, but they are to be found here too. Race prejudice and scorn and persecution has always existed everywhere and all classes of people have been the victims of them, therefore we are no exception to the rule of the ages, and we must not be discouraged.

We must strive to be worthy of good treatment, to have the commendation of our own consciences, and then, with God on our side, we can "fear no evil."

Besides, we must cultivate that large class of white people who are with us now, as in the past, and affiliate with that great Republican party, even if we do not get "even and exact" justice. This idea of "dividing the vote" is, in my opinion, preposterous. A man's political convictions are just as sacred to him as his religious convictions, and he can no more cast them aside like an old garment than he can his individuality.

God bless our race! It is a great conservative force in the United States, and who knows but that, even before the close of the present century, it may again be called to the fore, to battle for law and order and the integrity of our great Republic.

JOHN P. GREEN,
London, England.

Feb. 15, 1894.

ONLY THE COARSE AND

Ignorant Negro The Victim of Mobs According to This Writer.

MR EDITOR:

You will please pardon me for urging these reflections upon your valuable columns, but The Freeman seems to be the only telephone through which the Negro may speak and be heard from ocean to ocean and from continent to continent. There has been a great deal said about the Negro of this country. His troubles, how and why, and from whence they came, seems to afford the principal topics of the day. Men of great age and experience have stroked their beard while in council; learned men whose tongues seemed to be silver cups in the hand of the gods, have poured out in eloquent tones the grievances of the race, without availing much. Emigratian, insurrection and prayer have been spoken of as being the means necessary to bring about a better time for the Negro of this country, but every attempt in either case so far has proven a failure. That the Negro's condition in this country is to be lamented, I do not dispute, but to say our trouble could exist with a cause, would be taking an unphilosophical view of the matter. There must be a cause for every effect; if there is no cause, there is no effect. The effect produced by some great cause, can not be hid from the blind, then how much greater and horrible is the catastrophe to those who see. But if we cannot check the flow of a river by suspending its source, we cannot check it at its mouth. There have been enough tears shed to quell and extinguish all the flames to which Negro victims have been sacrificed and by which they have been tortured into eternity. Tears has failed to redeem us. Prayer, though the mighty instrument that in olden times called down fire from heaven, prayer that brought the mighty hand of God to the Red Sea, who made its water to stand a wall, whose breath dried its fossilliferous bed that the Israelites might walk over into freedom and joy, has failed in our case so far. Has God changed? No, for if we will only do our part by living upright, by working and toiling in a way to lift the race to right living and right doing, then God will come in answer to our prayers and will bottle up all our tears and give us joy and peace. Freedom and respect for our race must be bought not with silver nor gold, but with education and good morals. Then let us stop so much boohooing and go to work.

Who are they that have been the principal victims of flames and hemp ropes? Are they men of education? No, the Negroes who have been victims of mobs in this country, as a whole, have been men without education, without morals and without any self respect. Then, if education and good morals have freed the cultured from the hands of the relentless mobs, then the same prescription will cure the entire. The cultured of our race are the physicians, let every preacher prescribe the same medicine for his race, that he has taken, and if it has succeeded in keeping the mob off himself, then it will certainly be a cure to those of us who are sick; then let us prescribe education and good morals. If they (our race) will take this prescription only, you will see bitter antagonism floating off as a cloud in nihilistic mist, to never condense any more. It was education that made every great nation. But ignorance will destroy any nation. Let us begin to work and when we will have lifted our race above the cause of these perils, and as we climb higher and higher, by education and purer life, then and not until then will Aurora adorn herself the golden light of the morn, and open wide the gates of Olympia, and shout to Afro-America walk in to freedom and joy.

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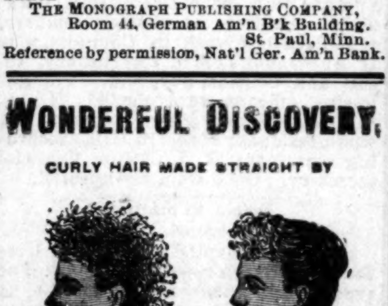

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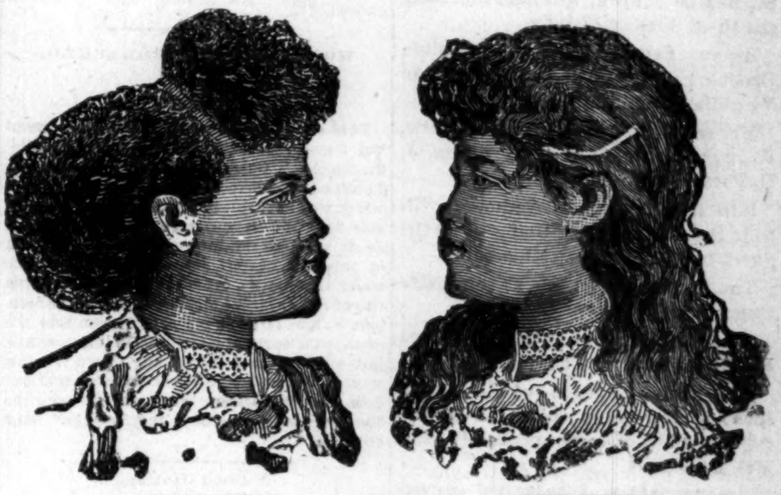

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Miss Belle Passmore has returned from a pleasant visit to friends at Anderson, Ind.

Rev. J. R. Averett, pastor of Reed St. Baptist church, will hold his rally the third Sunday in June.

Bryant Brooks, brother of Calvin Brooks, has opened a barber shop on Virginia Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Porter of Paris, Ill. were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter last Sunday.

Miss Ada Preston, of Anderson, will be in the city to-day. She will be the guest of Miss Flora Passmore.

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Will Blackburn and Miss Georgia Rich were married Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ella Thomas, of St. Louis, spent a few days this week in the city the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harris.

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Henry Walker, aged seventy years, residing at 7 Rhode Island street dropped dead in his yard last Friday. His house was searched and $93 were found in an old trunk and $160.00, in an old box. The money was all in gold. The body was removed to Willis' undertaking establishment.

A Christian Endeavor society was organized under the auspices of Bethel A. M. E church Monday evening. The officers are as follows: Maurice F. White, president; Mrs. Ella Gibbs-Thompson, vice-president; W. H. Archer, recording secretary; Mary Palmer, corresponding secretary.

Miss Mary Johnson, of W. Fifth street, entertained lady friends Thursday afternoon, March 1st, at luncheon in honor of Miss Estella Fisher. Those present were the Misses Lillie and Lizzie Sweeney, Caroline V. Porter, Georgia Stevenson, Susie Jefferson and Nellie B. Knox. The afternoon was spent in conversing, music and games. An elegant menu was served and all departed giving thanks to Miss Johnson for the many kindnesses received at her hand.

George And Martha Washington.

The Bethel Literary Circle will give a grand character concert during the middle of April. One of the features will be Prof. Knox as George Washington, Mrs. Essie Thornton as Martha Washington. MRS. SHEPPARD, Pres.
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Dr. Thompson's Good Work.

The revival at Blackford St. church has been a great success, resulting in the addition of eighty-two members to the church, Rev. Parker, of Alton, Ill., has been assisting Rev Thompson and a great work has been done. Rev. Thompson is drawing a crowd of young people to the church, that is a very encouraging sign indeed. Without reflecting unjustly on his predecessors, it is but simple truth to state Dr. Thompson possesses to an eminent degree those sterling qualifications of heart, soul and intellect, that the newer and better ministry of the Negro church is being composed of. A scholar, an upright, pure gentleman of unblemished walk, he is ably strengthened and supported in the good work he is doing for Blackford St. church by the co-operation of an interesting and christian family. The grand rally to take place at his church will be held under the auspices of the undenominational Ministerial Alliance.

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Hon. W. D. Owen for Secretary of State.

This well known and highly esteemed Republican and gentleman was in the city this week, circulating among friends, taking a "bearing" here and there, etc. Mr, Owen is a candidate for the nomination for Secretary of State at the hands of the forthcoming State convention, and we don't go behind any fence to say, that in our judgement the convention would make no mistake in putting him on the ticket. There are many reasons why he would make an exceptionally available candidate.

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This shows the scene that greets the eye of the traveler as he passes out of Jerusalem by St. Stephen's Gate. As the final scene in our Lord's trial occurred in the Tower of Antonio, which was near this spot, it is more than probable that the executioners, instead of leading Jesus through the crowded city, led him out of this, the nearest gate. Therefore, while standing here we cannot be far from the true site of calvary. We must be almost in the footprints of the fainting Son of God as he bore the cross to the scene of his death. On the steep hill, just outside the gate, we are shown the spot where, it is said St Stephen suffered martyrdom, and "fell asleep" while calling upon the Lord "not to lay this sin to their charge." SEE COUPONS.

A Good Oration.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. Dr. Davidson delivered a grand lecture on the 1st, subject: "Essence Ethics," he is a good orator. The schools that have been closed two weeks for fear of small-pox, will resume next week. Mr. James B. Hix has the Bible by heart, he can turn to any passage you ask for at once. W. H. Gosling has bought a lot on a front street of value near his store, 40x85 ft. Prof. R. P. Purdy will go to Nashville. The paper read by Miss Mary Little was good for a 14 yr. old girl. Too much praise cannot be given to Drs. Cable and Carney for their skill in handling the small-pox. Mr. Church Groer was put in jail this week, also Arch Simbs, Will Greer and others. Mr. Wesley Clabron and wife are true church goers, Mrs. W. P. Patterson is on the sick list. Messrs. James Gilliland and Wm. Crawford have a big job of stand work before them. Mr. Damascus Cooper, the father of Miss Annie, is the oldest blacksmith in the city. Mr. C. J. Thompson is the oldest groceman in the city. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

The Youngest Concert Company.

Wilberforce, O., Special.

Bishop D. A. Payne's birthday was celebrated on the 24th of Feb.; twelve addresses were delived. Rev. G. W. Prioleau, a professor in the Payne Theological Seminary and in charge of the A. M. E. church in Xenia, is about to close one of the greatest revivals ever held in Xenia. More than one hundred have joined the church and some have gone to other churches. He had a collection a few Sundays ago at which time he raised over $400 00 Rev. S. T. Tice has returned from a trip to Florida. Prof. G. W. Prioleau will preach an Odd Fellow sermon at Yellow Springs, March, 11th, at 3 p. m. Prof. Alexander has about 80 boys at work with tactics. C. H. Johnson, a graduate of '93, likes his work at Normal, Ala. Old Wilferforce has given rise to the youngest organized concert company now on the road. Their program is selected rom the leading musical and literary authors. They will be known hereafter as "The Seven Wilberforce Students."

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Denver, Colo., Special.

A concert was given by the Sunday school at Zion Baptist church March 6th. The "Ninety-Four" Whist club held its regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. Lutie Gilbert, Tuesday evening. Some of our colored people are connected in a $3 000 diamond stealing scrape. Mr. Boone, who was run over by a frightened team of horses, escaped with a few bruises and scratches. The Odd Fellows' annual sermon was preached at Shorters church Sunday, March 4th, by Rev. Sexton. Our colored women are very slow in registering.

The Fragrance of Orange Blossoms.

Austin, Tex., Special.

Dr. J. R. Moore will practice medicine in Austin. A committee has gotten up a free kindergarten school for children from three to eight years old. They are having some of the kindergarten furniture made at Tillotson. Miss Mamie Wilkins of Chicago is teaching it. John T. Edwards and Miss Sarah Merril were married at Wesley Chapel by Rev. Charles Madison, Wednesday night, Feb. 28, 1894. The bride's maides were Misses Mamie Story, Lillian Robinson, D. Ware, Annie L. Robinson, Ellia Merril, Lizzie Plummer and Virginia Brown. It took place at 8:10. Miss Eva Carrington played the march. There were many white people present to witness the marriage and there was a grand reception at the residence of the bride. There were many valuable presants made the young couple. The aged Mrs. Carrington is very ill and is not expected to live. Isam Franklin is ill not able to be out. Mrs. J. H. Burns has been ill for several days. Tillotson celebrated the 58th anniversary of Texas, independence, March, 2nd. They had school before noon and in the afternoon the students formed in line and marched to the site of the new building and took part in the ground breaking for the foundation. Miss Viola Lott, a student of Tillotson, was called to her home in San Antonio, Tex., on account of the illness of her mother. Simpson's Mission is having a protracted meeting. The Tillotson literary society meets every Friday evening at 7. Every body is invited to attend. The debate, Friday, March, 2nd was resolved that "the birthday of Abraham Lincoln should be celebrated in preference to to that of George Washington." The judges rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative. The Lone Star quartette, managed by Earnest Jones, was out and sang several of the latest songs. The Ivy Leaf quartette will give a vocal and instrumental musical entertainment at Smith's opera house, March, 12, 1894.

United in Wedlock.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. H. Howard and daughters, Lula and Clara, spent several days with her uncle, Wm. Stancel. The World's Fair exhibits at the First Baptist church and Allen Chapel were splendid. The series of meetings at Key's Chapel continue. Mrs. Carrie Murphy has returned from Nashville, Tenn. Miss Sophia Pruitt and John Blackman were united in the holy bonds of wedlock March 1st. Miss Beulah Murphy expects to make a protracted visit to Nashville soon.

Their Annual Sermon.

Bowling Green, Ky., Special.

The only daughter of Rev. C. C. Clark died Sunday night and was buried at Rockfield Tuesday. Mr. Johnson, editor of the Lexington Standard; L. W. Hughes, of Franklin, Ky.; Mr Wiggans and I. C. Mitchell, of Evansville, Ind., and Rev. Baker, of Louisville, Ky., visited our city. Mrs. Wm. Jones, nee Harding, has returned to the city. The G. U. O. of O. F. had their annual sermon preached at the M. E. church. Miss Maggie McCarley, of Middleton, Ky., has returned to the city to enter S. M. C. Mrs. Fannie Tomorrow and son left the city Thursday enroute to Pembrook, Ky. Rev. R. Mitchell started a series of meetings last Monday night.

What Fools These Mortals Be.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

It was a blessing to our poor that the snow melted so soon, business was almost blockaded. Miss Hattie A. Gibbs gave another one of her musical concerts at Logan Temple on the 1st inst., for the benefit of Knoxville college. Very unfortunate for Mrs. Harge, a few days after having paid the last note on her house, it was burned on the night of the 2nd inst. Our democratic postmaster took charge of the office on the 1st. He has not seen cause to make any changes as yet. Chas. Baxter a teacher in the Auston public school was taken sick, the 2nd and had to be carried home. Grant Burke is on the sick list. H. Lilerson, the mail carrier performs his duty irregularly on account of protracted illness. Mrs. Andrew Logan also signed the sick list last week. There will be given a tea party at the Odd Fellow's building on the 16th inst. for the benefit of the First Baptist church. The young man that works for $6.00 or $7.00 per week, has great hopes in the future when he pays $3.00 for a sleigh ride. May these young men soon learn "What fools we mortals be." M. L. Taylor is out after being sick. Miss Gibbs is still in the city.

The Baptist Aid Society.

Dover, Miss., Special.

There are few country places in the the south that can compete with Dover (while some may be doing more.) It is made up of an energetic and enterprising set. The property of some of the colored farmers in this neighborhood is worth from $1,000 to $7,000. They have their smoke-houses full of home raised meat, their cribs full of corn, they are on their own land, have their own gins and blacksmith shops. Messrs. Willis Wells, V. Wilkerson, Howard Shelby, Rev. H. Green, and brothers and several others are accumulating wealth, and according to 'Excelsior" in last week's issue the "Race Problem" is being solved here. The Baptist Sabbath School Aid society (organized by the writer, Feb. 8' 1894,) met at St. Paul's church and had a grand time. A part of the program was as follows: essay by Mrs. H. J. Rhone subject, "The B. S. S. Aid Society, its object and aims;" a response by Rev. H. Green; essay by Miss Effie B. Wess, subject, "Choice of companions;" J. B. Martin, Esq., responded; essay by Miss I. L. Green, subject, "Christianity the only true basis of society;" a response by the writer. The society is in a prosperous condition and is destined to do a great good in elevating the young and upbuilding Sabbath schools. The Sabbath school is in a thriving condition, both old and young attend. This is my third year as a teacher in the public school at this place. The Freeman is a welcome visitor to several homes and their love for it is increasing rapidly.

Burned to a Crisp—Fell for Dead.

Helena, Ark., Special.

Through the good treatment of Dr. P. W. Clark our reader, Henry Harris, formerly of Little Rock, is recovering from the pneumonia. Died in the city of Terrall, Tex., Mrs. Vina Herron. She had been lingering for quite a while; she was a member of the Missionary Baptist church. Her son, Allen Herron, took her remains in charge. W. C. Cox made a flying trip to Little Rock. Dave Johnson of McNeil, Ark., lost his little 12 year old daughter, who, while making fire caught in a blaze, and burned nearly to a crisp Mrs. Louisa Foeman, ill but a few weeks, died Friday evening the 2d inst. She leaves a grown daughter and a number of relatives. News reached us from Brownsville, Tenn., that Alex. Claiburne and Prof. Gloskig were quite ill with the pneumonia. L. M. Hibbs contemplates marrying. Prof. T. D. Wilson's residence is a thing of beauty. Bro. Isaac Fuller is dwelling on the corner of Cherry and walker Sts. Mrs. T. B. Littlejohn, with her little girl, is not having the best of health Miss Emma Carter is attending the Peabody school. Mrs. Prof. J. E. Carter is convalescent from a severe case of pneumonia. Carter B Hamilton and Miss Douglass Dixon went, without notifying anyone, to reside in Memphis. Mrs. Rosa Martin, better known as Brisco, fell for dead, but she is now doing quite well. Prof. George Burchett is in the city. Mrs. Pinky Bloom is visiting relatives in the country. Miss Carrie M. Hall, an estimable young lady, with her parents, recently moved here. R. C. Wilson lost by fire, one of his tenant houses, a two story dwelling on the corner of Pecan and Walker streets Chas. Williams is in the city from Pine Bluff. The Y. M C. U. is booming the president Chas. Anderson is the man fitted for the business

A New Club Organized.

Detroit, Mich., Special.

The Zach Chandler lodge and Patriarchie of Detroit assisted the Windsor lodge last Sabbath in making their Thanksgiving a grand success. The services were held in the B M. E. church. Rev. Ball preached the Thanksgiving sermon. To-morrow the Windsor lodge will unite with the Detroit lodge in the Ebenezer church for a like purpose. Rev. James M. Henderson will preach the sermon. The united effort in the revivals held alternately in the Bethel and Ebenezer churches is proving a wonderful success. Rev. A. D. Chandler and Rev. Scott gave the hand of welcome to ninety-seven souls. It was a grand sight.

The Sunday schools are making preparations for grand Easter services. The Second Baptist Sunday school sent their Superintendent as delegate to the joint convention of the Sunday School Workers and B. Y. P. U. to be held in Flint, Mich. Dr. Robert Boller, from Norfolk, Va., is in Detroit at the bedside of his sick wife. The Sumner club, with twenty-five influential Detroiters as charter members, organized last week in Commissioner D A. Straker's office for literary, social and political purposes. The following officers were elected: D. A. Straker, president; Dr. Johnson, Sr., vice-president; Manford Hill, recording secretary; R. J. Willis, financial secretary. Good work is expected.

School Exhibition.

Bonham, Texas, Special.

Bethlehem Baptist church will have the old building repaired. The cost of repairs will not exceed $350.00 A number of visitors were given a treat by division No. 4 of the school. Miss Clayton B. Dodd actually "took down the house" Elder A. Taylor, pastor of B B. church, was present and gave a short lecture. Mrs. Lena Alexander died Feb. 24 Mrs. Lucy Roberson died Feb. 28th; she leaves a husband and five children. Claybourne Galbreth died last week. Sam Reed, of Red River County is attending school here also Miss Eliza Yates.

The Bible Band.

Union City, Special.

On the 27th ult Rev. J. B. Dickerson was riding on Harrison street, a dog ran out and caught the animal and she ran away; she threw herself against a water plug and broke her leg Mr James Smith, of Mayfield, passed through the city on the 3rd, enroute for Cairo Ill. The Bible band at the Baptist church is a great success. The Sunday school at the C. M. E. was beautifully addressed by Prof. Mc Makin There is a great deal of sickness in the city and some few deaths I. A. Bell will take your subscription for The Freeman by the year for $1.50, Don't say you can't get The Freeman.

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